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Salt Lake City, Utah Oct. 9, 1974

Sister Gertrude M. Richards

The Historical Department of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, has received from you for the files of the Church Archives

5 loose leaf journals of your father,

Joseph White Musser.

This gift and the name of the donor have been duly entered upon the records. This is a valued addition to our collection which is greatly appreciated, and for which I have the honor to return our grateful acknowledgment.

Donald T. Schmidt
Church Archivist

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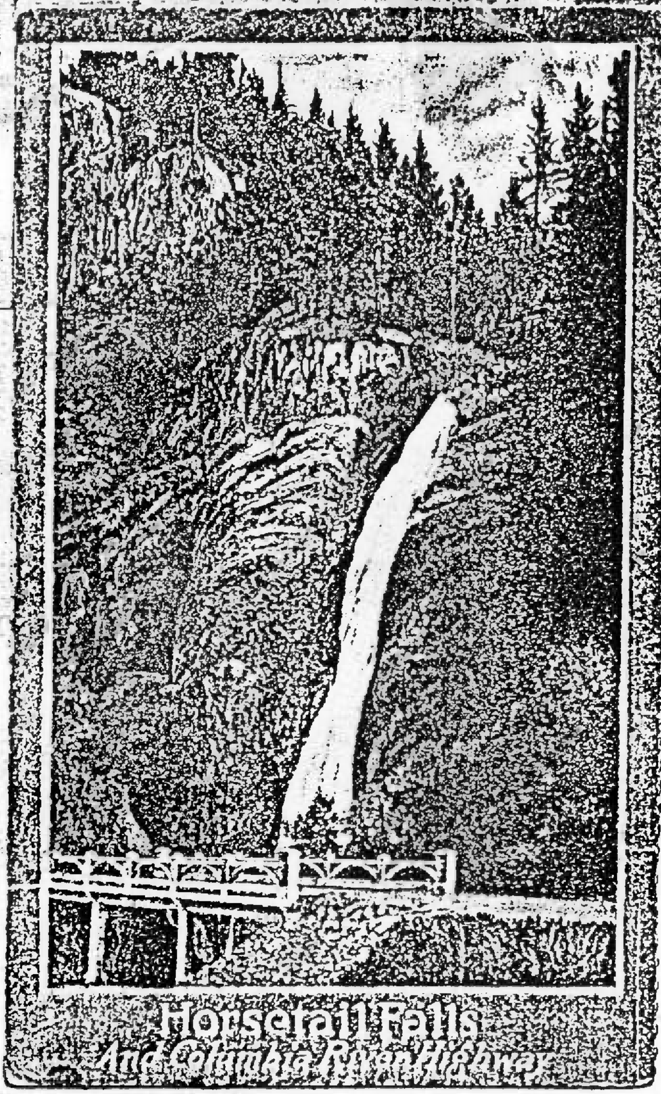

Horsetail Falls
And Columbia River Highway

JOURNAL OF J. W. MUSSER

November 28, 1920
to
December 11, 1924

Jnl. #10

NOVEMBER 28-30, 1920

MORGAN TRIP:

Went to Morgan and Porterville with Oscar Clawson to investigate oil situation and procure leases near East Canyon reservoir. Took Auto. Road Morgan to Porterville frightful. All way in low gear. Met W. M. Bridges, Co. Commissioner, and a number of the farmers, who talked favorable on the leasing question, but later in the year after the beets are in is a better time to lease.

Expenses	$6.55
Auto two days	40.00
	46.55

DECEMBER 8-13, 1920

SIMON TRIP TO UINTAH

Left on 8th. for Uintah via Mack, Colo. with O.M. Simon and son Charles of Paris. Left 8 A.M. arriving Mack 6 P.M. Leaving Mack 8;15 A.M. on 9th. arrived Watson over Uintah Railway at 12;30 P.M.

Bagster Pass Elev. 8440 ft.

After dinner left by auto truck, via Rainbow mines to Willow Creek, in Hill Creek Dome, Dist. Pete Nelson drove Auto, R. S. Collett acted as guide. Camped on Willow Creek. Mr. Simon and son sleeping in sheep wagon for first time in their lives.

December 10th. Spent day over shale properties, inspecting assessment work &c, returning to Watson at night.

December 11th. took auto trip to Dragon and to the property of Western Shale Co. in Section 1, Twp. 11 S. R. 25 E. inspection Sec. 2 enroute on which we have secured a State lease; returning to Watson at night.

The shale plant had burnt down about two hours before our arrival. We procured good oil samples. A new plant of four retorts is being erected.

December 12, left for Vernal via Powder Springs,- where the Davis Oil Co. is drilling (at Powder Springs). Arrived Vernal-auto stage- about 6 P.M., after visiting oilsand outcrop near the town. At Vernal attended M.I.A. Ward Conference with Mr. Simon and son, who expressed themselves as elated over what they heard. Also met Congressman Don B. Colton.

Dec. 13th. Left Vernal 8 A.M. In Oneil and Allen Auto. Co. car, arriving at Price via Moffat, Roosevelt and Myton, about 4 P.M.

On arriving at Price young Charles turned the car around for a joy ride. On his return the brakes refused to work and he drove a hole about 18 inches across through the west brick wall of the station, cracking the side wall badly.
Arrived home about 9 P.M.
My 1/3 of trip amounted to $105.00

DECEMBER 16 1920

Accompanied D.H.Gustaveson, O.M.Simon up Diamond Fork and Spanish Fork canyons inspecting oil properties. Visited Mellen asphalt quarries where the oil snads are shown so plainly. Got numerous specimens of shelle and oil sands. Snow about 1 ft. on level and in drifts about 3 ft.

DECEMBER 19-20 1920

Accompanied D. H. Gustaveson, O.M.Simon and son Charles, M.L.Bosch and A.Mathot, the latter two from Brussells, Belgium, over Diamond Fork and Spanish Fork, inspecting the oil properties. Also over the sand and shale outcrops, going up Spanish Fork as far as Tucker.

DECEMBER 22 to 25 1920.

22nd. Left on 4:45 train with M.L.Bosch of Brussells, Belgium, arriving at Mack, Colo. about 2 A.M.

Leaving Mack at 8;15 23rd. arrived at Watson at 12.30 P.M.

Dinner at watson. Took Pete Nelson Truck to Western Shale plant on Section 1, and from there to "Whisky Creek" where we visited the Pope oil property. Stopped with Pope for the night.

December 24th. Inspected the plant and tunnel. Claims can produce 50 bbls per day. Excellent oil. No gas. Blizzard came up this morning. Haed great difficulty in visiting the plant. He has several stills in operation, but has not shipped any oilfor some time, tho he has several tanks full.

As we were about to leave we met Mr. Davis and Quigley, who arrived with Collett. They inspected the plant and we all took train from Dragon to Mack.

Took train at 2:30 A. M. arriving in Salt Lake for Christmas Dinner.

My share of Expense was $75.29.

EXPENDITURES FOR 1920.

Forest Dale - Supplies ✓	1623.28
Farm "	691.80
McClelland " Micou	1557.71
Western Building & Loan	300.00
Automobile	1625.93
Forest Dale Home-Improvements-	428.50
Books and Magazines	112.55
Coal, Forest Dale 11 1/2 tons	102.40
" Sugar 10 ton	95.50
Auto Repairs	170.50
Taxes-Forest Dale	83.91
" Sugar	159.07
Legal	176.85
Insurance	153.25
Medical and Drugs	373.75
Charity	143.00
Clothing and shoes for "kids"	56.60
Paid on "Sugar" home	754.27
Children	503.23
Investment Misc.	101.00
Advanced Shelley	562.87
Personal expenses	255.90
Stock Assessments	17.00
Paid on debts	3389.68
Gas and Oil (about)	325.00
Christmas (about)	350.00
Total	14,112.54

JANUARY 5th 1921

In connection with D. H. Gustaveson and I. B. Perrine applied for four sections of coal land in Emery County.

JANUARY 6 to 9, 1921

Jan. 6th. left Salt Lake at 10:30 A.M. with I.B.Perrine, M.L.Bosch and A.Mathot for Salina, Utah. Dined at Thistle.
Salina 5:05, 152 miles.
Stopped at White House Hotel, one room, two double beds. Dance. No sleep.
Jan. 7th. Left with B. Kenner, Engineer and Frank Herbert, driver 8 A.M. Went up Salina canyon, passing "Rattle Snake" and "Saw tooth" to divide, then "Meadow Gulch" 7850ft. Elevation, 19 miles., then down Red Creek, Ivy Creek &c. to Emery arriving there about 7 P.M. Supper, breakfast and dinner at E. H. Duzett and lodged at P.R.Neilson's for night.

Visited two coal openings on W.D. Livingston property and three on adjoining property. Coa about 4 ft. think. Also mine of Mr. Kenner, Also saw two openings on Jesse Knights property, 10 ft. strata. Going there over hill got into snow nearly to waiste. Saw bear, deer and lynx tracts.
Jan. 8th. Visited Emery Coal Mine about four miles from town. Vein about 28 ft. Tunnel about 450 ft. in. Coal good quality, $2.50 at mine. Opening about 10 ft. high and 20 ft. across.

On way back to Salina, owing to heavy roads and car troubles did'nt reach town until after dark.

Car charge for trip $112.50.
Elevation Saline 51.60 ft.

The old D. & R. G. grade still in evidence, the washed out in several places. Survey of Jesse Knight on West side of canyon-poorly located.

January 9th. Returned to Salt Lake. Bosch reported well of property but spoke very disparagingly of D. H. Gustaveson. He said his people would stand behind his report, but that Mr. O. M. Simon could do nothing without his help. He said Mr. Gustaveson had made the statement that he had "kept Mr. Musser and Collett for the last two years, besides about thirty members of his own family. That he didnot like Mr. Gustavesonds policy, but that the general plan was good.

My share of Expense of trip, including Perrine's was $99.10. Bosch and Mathot paid one half of total. Bosch said Mathot was sending in reports against him, and that he had no confidence in him.

JANUARY 10,1921

Baby Samuel very sick with cold,teething and stomache trouble. Up all night.

JANUARY 11th, 1921

Got D. H. Gustaveson off for Los Angeles to see Mr. Hibbard. Received $1000. from Mr. Simon to help get leases on iron lands,who is in New York.

JANUARY 12,1921

Spent day with Mr. & Mrs. W. H. Hoorweg of Holland. Autoing over town and to Musical at Tabernacle with Mr. Mathot. Lunched with them at invitation of Mr Bosch,including Mathot,Mrs. Gustaveson and her sister Mary at Hotel Utah.

Mr.Hoorweg, Bosch and Mathot left with R. S. Collett for Uintah to look over the "Shale" lands in oil deal.

Took Mrs.Hoorweg,wife Ellis and daughter Ruth to Show in Salt Lake Theatre-"Earth Bound" Trunks of Mrs.Hoorweg missing, helped to look them up.

JANUARY 13th,1921

Spent day at office. Very busy with stockholders. Entered into agreement with Geo. T. Holladay to get Iron,coal and oil lands on 1/5 interest. He to receive $100. per month and expenses while actually putting in time.

Also tried to help Bro. J. W. Simmons purchase home in Forest Dale.

JANUARY 14,1921

Cleaning up desk at office. Met Perrine, Holladay and Annis, latter about oil lands near Ogden.

Spencer from Mexican Hat, called to see about handling land in San Juan.

Wire from Simon,New York, saying all obstacles being overcome and expected money from Paris at any moment.

HUNTINGTON TRIP

Took train to Price for Huntington 4:45 P.M. with M. H. Gustaveson, arriving Price 10:P.M. 126 miles. Elev. 5546. Fare for two $14.44.

January 15th. Price to Huntington by Auto.22 miles,$10. Park Hotel 5500 elev. 1300 population. Visited Ferry Young,Anton Nielson,H.J.Major,Adelbery Lott and T.P. Macelprang about land west of town and south

Of Ohio Company's well. Offered to lease their land and have well drilling within one year and pay $3. per acre in stock for leases, with $2. per acre stock in case we failed to drill. Everybody excited over Ohio Company's well.

JANUARY 16 to 18 1921

Negotiating for leases and got 160 acres from Ferra L.Young. Returned to Salt Lake. Expense of trip $84.99.

Met D. H. Gustaveson who had returned from Los Angeles and who was preparing to go to New York.

JANUARY 19 1921

Baby Samuel very sick. Temperature 104 1/2. Teething, auto-intoxication of intestinal tract and broncial troubles. Up all night with him. During day preparing papers for D. H. Gustaveson to take east.

JANUARY 21,1921

Got D.H.Gustaveson off at 1.P.M. for New York. Perrine selling our stock in Livingston Oil Co, at 40¢ per shale, 6666 shares. Dr. Rupert owns half, Perrine to get $666.00 commission. He paid me $350. Ipaid D. H. G. $100. and M. H. G. $100.00.

JANUARY 24,1921

At home with baby Samuel.

JANUARY 25,1921

Samuel much better. D. J. L. Davis arrived from New York. Wire from D. H. Gustaveson stating that Bosch had "queered" the deal, and that he was going ahead with Simon.

JANUARY 26,1921

Working on syndicate leases checking descriptions &c. Pingree left for Oklahoma.

JANUARY 27,1921

Working on syndicate leases.

Casing and rim stolen off car. Put in claim.

JANUARY 28, 1921

Lorraine arrived home. She has been gone about 2 1/2 years in Washington and Haite. Her arrival was a complete surprise. During her absence she married. She has always occupied a very tender place in my heart. While I was "down and out" financially she started out in the world and helped the folks. She said little but did much. When asked to finish her "high school" education, she said "I havent time," and with that spirit she dove into the work and did her best. As telephone girl for Drs. Allen and Middleton she studied short hand and typewriting and qualified for a position in the Geological Dept. at Washington. She is sweet beyond description and in every sense xxix a lady and a genuine prospective mother. The reunion was wonderfully pleasant.

JANUARY 29.1921

Attended Robin Hood comic opera with Ruth Lorraine, Anna and Joneva. at night with Ellis Sr. and Jr. Joe and Nellie.

FEBRUARY 2,1921

Took wife Mary, also Mary and Naomi to "As You Like It"-Shakespere, by Robt.B. Mantell.

February 3rd. Took wife Ellis to Richeleau, Mantell.

February 5th. Took Ruth, Bertha, Anna and Gertrude to Merchant of Venice.

Got wire of Murdock and Livingston off to D. H. Gustaveson.

Mrs. Gustaveson showed me letter she had received from her husband D.H.G. I helped her frame wire answer. She was very much wrought up.

FEBRUARY 7, 1921

Received $750. from D. H. Gustaveson to protect integrity of leases. Got checks off to protect Snow and Sloan leases .

FEBRUARY 9 1921

M. H. Gustaveson in an insulting manner approached Mr. Munk in the office, stating if he would leave the office all concerned would feel relieved. Munk was greatly wrought up and it was with difficulty I got him cooled down. He has been loyal to us. He asks very foolish questions and at times is exasperating, but he means well and has done us a lot of good. I believe in treating a friend fair.

FEBRUARY 15, 1921

M.H. Gustaveson has been working for several days locating people on Government land for a fee. Understand he gets $100. per claim. He locatesthem from map. Didnot invite the office in on the scheme. He invited me to take a lease," but I declined, as I didnot believe it amounted to anything.

Have up with Holladay the Iron situation of southern Utah also Potter about coal and oil lands. He has leases on Farnum anticline, and am negotiating with him for them.

Received $700. from Russell on Utah Oil Leasing Syndicate proposition in which Dr. Rupert, Brinton, Munk and D.H. and M. H. Gustaveson and myself are interested. Prepared contract on the matter. We now have over 13,000 acres in Utah, Carbon and Kane Counties for the syndicate.

FEB. 13th. to 19th.

Working at office on books with Mr. Basset; also taking care of stockholders who are swarming in like bees.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 20th,1921.

Assisted Dr. Openshaw in taking out tonsils of "Bobby" Musser, 5 years old. He took the operation like a veteran.

Attended sacrament meeting in Sugar Ward.

FEBRUARY 21st, 1921.

After meeting with many stockholders, went to Ogden in Auto. to meet Nephi Goodmundsen regarding Gustaveson Oil Co. Lease.

After negotiating a long time got him to take $200. in cash and $300. worth in stock in Gustaveson Oil Co. at 4¢ per share for his $500. rental for the year. Attended picture sh show with him at night.

FEBRUARY 22nd-1921.

After spending considerable time with Mr. Goodmundson, drove to Salt Lake. After leaving Ogden picket up a poor man who was carrying a heavy bundle of bedding, en route to Salt Lake on foot. I took him in the car. Further down I picked up a party of five whose car was "out of commission", and who were coming down to the theatre.

They piled in the car, some of them using the old man's luggage as a seat, and we had a jolly time coming down. I recognized one of the party whom I had been introduced to in the Hotel Utah some weeks before, and found the party were a wealthy family from Ogden. I felt good in wedding poverty to wealth. They both we anxious to ride, and neither made objection to the other. In fact had they done so, I should have had a great time, as I am after wealth and I pay homage to poverty. Of the two give me poverty, provided with it I can keep the spirit of the Lord and have Faith. But I am after wealth for the good I might do to others whom the Bankers "skin alive."

Attended a banquet of the M.I.A. of Sugar House ward with my wife Ellis. She gave a "toast" to the Bishop and she was the "hit" of the evening.

FEBRUARY 23rd, 1921.

Had a talk with Pres. Frank Y. Taylor regarding my case before the High Council. It seems I have broken faith with the "Woodruff Manifesto" and taken more wives than one. Many have done likewise, but some earlier than I am up before the High Council. I have 19 children, most of whom I am supporting, - the others taking care of themselves. I am serving about 70 meals a day and during this season of high cost of living! But they want my scalp, and will get it. Pres. Taylor is a Prince of a man- He I s true blue, but the "system" damands my scalp and will get it. But I have done my best and I am not afraid of the outcome God's law will prevail, I know it and TIME will prove it! I told Pres. Taylor I had no defense, but that the law of the Church must take its course. And so be it.

About two dozen stockholders came in for information. Kept me busy

February 24

Went to Ogden with Oscar Clawson to try and sell some Gustaveson stock.

February 25

Routine at office.
Attended entertainment in Mill Creek Ward with wife Mary and children.

Hattie Hill, daughter of Moroni Hill, died.

February 26

Routine at office. Stenographer Miss. Casey left on account of "no work", and because Mrs. Gustaveson insisted on her leaving.

February 27

Attended MI A. conference this Sunday evening at Granite Stake House with Ellis Jr., Anna, Bertha and Ruth. Pres. Nephi L. Morris delivered splendid talk on subject "God in History."

February 28

Went to Provo to see John T. Clark and associate concerning some oil lands in which they are interested, situated about 60 miles (I think south or southeast) from Calienta, Nevada. They seem enthused over the possibilities there and want my people to handle them. It is Government land and a long way off railroad. The proposition doesnot appeal to me at the present.

March 1,1821

Very busy at office. Learn that D. H. Gustaveson will return tomorrow.

March 2.1921

Attended funeral of Hattie Hill in Miller Ward, taking wife Mary and family. Speakers were the Bishopric, Pres. Guy C. Wilson of the L.D.S. University and Bp. Jos. A.

March 1921

D.H. Gustaveson arrived home from New York somewhat shattered in his nerves but still in the ring. Had long conference with him about our business matters. Decided to procure more holdings for the Gustaveson Oil Co. if possible in districts now being drilled by other companies, and start a stock campaign so as to begin drilling.

Thursday 3.

D. H. Gustaveson left for Los Angeles with wife and child, for rest up.
Before leaving we arranged to take Clarence M. Cannon in with us on 1/3 basis on all new business he helps to initiate. We each to recei $250. per month living expenses before division of profits is made.

Had understanding with John Pingree along the same line except we each to receive $200. per month. We let him have $300. Got $500. from Gus. to be used in locating Iron claims in Beaver County.

Friday 4.

Very busy at office all day. Jap run into my car. His fault. Cost him $27.00

Saturday 5.

Routine at office.
Took Ruth, Anna and Gertrude to "Way down East", S.L. Theatre matinee.

Monday 7.

Prepared letter to stockholders of Gus. Oil. Co. John Pingree brought in list of shale options which we discussed.

Talked over my case before the High Council with Wilson McCarty, who requested me to be at the trial tomorrow night and make a defense.

March 1921

Tuesday 8.

Trial before High Council for plural marriage postponed on account illness of witness for persecution.

My birthday. Dale children gave me Book of Mormon, D.& C. and Pearl of G.P., India paper, bound in one, limp binding. Ellis and Mary gave me silk hose and handkerchiefs. Took Ellis to S.L.Theatre-"Sign on the Door."

Tuesday 9.

Borrowed $320. to pay State lease on Shale near Watson. Gave Potter $65. to arrange for locating more iron.
In evening attended dinner at Geneva's with Dale family. Had a splendid time. Joseph read following poem, his composition:

(Copy Poem)

FATHER.

To chronicle some acts of his
In Father's life, my purpose is:
At three, he showed an instinct wary
To dabble in things mercenary:
In the water he dropped some coins, by gum,
Thinking perhaps they might grow some.
At six, his mother to amuse
He hung in a fifty-foot well by his shoes.
Later on, when his father was pretty well broke,
He decided to cheer him with this little joke:
On the bridge that passed over the rippling broo
One day all alone himself he betook,
And, armed with a kerosene can full high,
He sprinkled it out to watch it flow by.

When Grandfather's family were on underground,
And Deputy Sheriffs were snooping around,
A real man he was, tho not very big;
And once, as he rode in a single horse rig,
He saw down the street, approaching space,
A buggy and double horse team, which gave chase.
To get our Aunt Anna he knew they would try,
And Grandmother Musser that they might testify.
But he somehow contrived to beat the crooks the
and when they arrived, the house it was bare.

He then took a hand in the politics game
And Commissioner of Fish and Game he became.
By some it's been said that this job didn't irk
As Dad had the name but Grand-dad did the work.
But the very best thing he e'er did, I suppose
Was the time that he plucked upon Third South
a "Rose".
An angel she is and as sweet as her name,
And we kids are darned glad she our Mother
became.

At Heber our Dad was held high in esteem.
He weathered alive President Smart's long regim
He started a bank and he started a store,
He financed a ranch and a dozen things more,
But at last we came back to old Salt Lake City;
I suppose he and Mother were object of pity

For we then numbered eight from Gertude to Rose
How they kept us together, the Lord only knows,
As wild-eyed and gaping we scattered aroun',
Eight simple young hayseeds for the first time
in town.

We're a bit older now, lad, and have seen
'lectric lights,
And we don't shy at street cars nor look at
the heights
Of buildings we pass along up the street,
And, if we do say so ourselves, we can noise-
lessly eat.
Many things we have learned since those bygone
days,
And most of us now have assumed grown-up ways;
And of family and home, the struggles and joys,
Are not wholly unknown to your girls and your
boys.
But happen what will in this life's rough old
game.
Our Father to us will e'er be the same,
A man among men, and one who can say,
"As Thou gavest me light, Lord, I've walked
in Thy way."

Then let us pay homage to splendid old Dad,
And with Love and respect and good cheer make
him glad.
Tho we cannot begin to repay what He's done,
Let's show that we know and we care,- let's be
one.
So here's to you, Daddy, we join one another
In wishing all blessings to you and to Mother;
May you realize the hopes and desires of your
heart
And my God upon you His bounties impart!
And tho hasty and scrambled I've penned this
crude line,
All hail to our Daddy, just turned forty-nine!

-- By Joseph
March 8, 1921.

March 1921
Thursday 10

Sold Antelope Star stock to help leasing syndicate pay expenses.

Miss Crager started to work for Gus.Oil Co. at $80.00 per month.

Mary learning to drive my automobile. Drove it through front fence at farm and tried to climb a tree. Not much damage.

Savage called me up and told me he had issued a policy on a new car which Gustaveson had just purchased in California, insurance $3800. also $2000. on Mrs. Gustaveson's furs. Then they say they are broke.

Friday 11

Potter offered us 1000 acres at Woodsides, Utah if we would drill within 3 1/2 months. We are considering it.

Arriested and fined $5. for permitting car to stand on Exchange Place longer than two hours. Recent city ordinance.

Saturday 12.

Arranged to send M.H.Gustaveson to Castle-Dale to work with Pons in getting leases. Pons to have expenses and 1/4 interest in leases. Gave him $100. for expenses. Also gave E.E.Shelly $35. to take a man to Goshen to see land I am interested in with him.

Was tried before the High Council on charge of having entered plural marriage with Marion Bringhurst. Complaint filed and urged by the parents of the girl. The complaining witnesses consisting of Bro. and Sister Samuel Bringhurst and daughter and son-in-law Fox, were very bitter and showed very sharp opposition to the principle of Plural Marriage. The evidence was all circumstantial. I admitted my intention of entering the principle if opportunity presented and steadfastly maintained the correctness of the principle. I was treated with courtest from the High Council but could feel quite an opposition against me.

The facts are that Marion, who is vastly superior to the common "herd" had indicated her belief in plural marriage to me and also that she felt she had found in me her chosen mate. I cheerfully responded to her sentiments and convinced her that the principle was right and proper even in this day. We had a common understanding tho no cerimony had been performed, but I was tried for something that might have happened.

I related to the High Council that I had received my inspiration and encouragement along the lines of modern polygamy from over a majority of the Quorum of the Apostles in the days of Lorenzo Snow, Wilford Woodruff and Joseph F. Smith and that I could-not endorse the sentiments stated by Pres. Penrose recently to the effect that no such marriages entered into since the Manifesto were approved or proper. I know some of them have been approved, and if the servants of the Lord are the mouth pieces of God, they were proper. I believe, however, that a "sacrifice" has been demanded and that I am the one to grant it. The results lie with God my Father in whom I have full confidence.

Monday 14.

Mr. D. J. L. Davis requested me to go to Fillmore and check up work of Gus Westphal who is procuring leases for him under the supervision of Gustaveson and myself. Also getting out letter to G O S

Tuesday 15.

Procured New House Hotel for meeting of Stockholders on April 4th. Cleaning up details at office before leaving for Millard County.
Took train to Delta 11.55 P.M.

Wednesday 16th.

Arrived at Delta 5;55 A?M?, Alt. 4649, 135 miles south Salt Lake. Took Auto. to McCornick 20 miles distant and from there Mail stage, via Holding, to Fillmore. Met wife of Edgar White, my cousin, on stage. She is going to Konosh. She and son Jones lunched with me at Fillmore.

Met Westphal and spent day checking up leases. Fillmore is former Capitol of Utah. The Capitol building erected by Brigham Young, then Governor of Utah, still stands solid and firm.
Fillmore had about 1500 people; some very nice buildings and a good hotel. On the Arrow Trail road to Los Angeles; also on road to Zion's Park, southern Utah.

Wednesday 17.

Rode over country south of Fillmore with Westphal and took photos of valley. Visited the old State well and Col. Wall well north-west of Fillmore, drilled several years ago, in which oil was struck at shallow depth. About 7 bbls. per day is claimed.
A great many arrow heads used by the early indians are found at Fillmore as the Farmers plow. Found two beautiful specimens myself.

Rode back to Delta with mailcarrier in ton Ford truck over very poor roads. Considerable work being done on them.

Friday 18

Got in communication with David Potter, who had returned to Salt Lake from Thermo, where we were to meet to locate some iron claims in western Beaver County. He said the snow was so deep we could do nothing there now and so didnot wait for me. Took 3:26 train (S.L.Route) for home arriving 7:30 P.M.

Saturday 19th.

Spent day getting out letters to stockholders of Gus. Oil Co. also Utah Con. Oil Co.

Sunday 20th.

Attended funeral of daughter of Lewis Hill, my brother-in-law. Took wife Mary and daughter Mary and Grand-ma Hill.

Monday 21st.

Wife Mary's birthday. Took her to see "Little Women" at Social Hall Theatre.

Got out 1725 letters to stockholders of Gus. Oil Co. assisted by M.H.Gustaveson, Mr. and Mrs. Munk and stenographer.

A close friend advised me to get my family together and caution them not to be unduly influenced by certain action that might be taken against me in my Stake.

Tuesday 22nd.

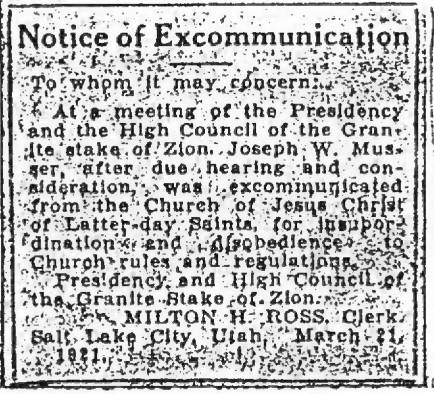
Got out 350 letters to stockholders of Utah Consolidated Oil Co. Also agreement for J. C. Gustaveson on Jet proposition. Also had business conference with D.J.L.Davis.

Had conference with my children at Joseph's home. Present: Wife Mary, Mary, Naomi and Blanche. Ruth, Bertha and Anna. Wife Ellis and Josephine and Ellis. Joseph [illegible]

Mother. I explained in detail my faith in the Gospel, including Plural Marriage, and explained the attitude of the former Presidents and Apostles of the Church, and admonished them that whatever might happen to me they should remain firm in the faith and let time and the Lord work out the details. They took a vote and it was unanimous in accepting my advice and in sustaining me their father and husband and so My heart was touched with the confidence shown and the love they bore me. It will help me to stand the shock.

March 23rd.

Notice appeared in the Deseret Evening News as follows:



Notice of Excommunication

To whom it may concern:

At a meeting of the Presidency and the High Council of the Granite stake of Zion, Joseph W. Musser, after due hearing and consideration, was excommunicated from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, for insubordination and disobedience to Church rules and regulations.

Presidency and High Council of the Granite Stake of Zion.

MILTON H. ROSS, Clerk.

Salt Lake City, Utah, March 21, 1921.

I hope someday t in making a prop stances and before Judges where Justice along presides. In mean time I must remain humble and be patient and since my people have left me, I must turn to my God with greater determination to serve Him than ever.

Got out affidavit for Mr.Davis. Very busy at office.

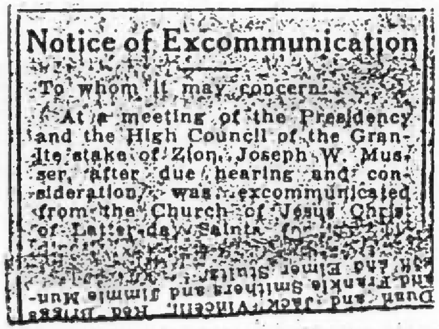
Thursday 24th.

Working on annual report of Company for State Securities Commission. Called up Dr. Rupett for some money on account of the Utah Leasing Syndicate, which

Mother. I explained in detail my faith in the Gospel, including Plural Marriage, and explained the attitude of the former Presidents and Apostles of the Church, and admonished them that whatever might happen to me they should remain firm in the faith and let time and the Lord work out the details. They took a vote and it was unanimous in accepting my advice and in sustaining me their father and husband and son. My heart was touched with the confidence shown and the love they bore me. It will help me to stand the shock.

March 23rd.

Notice appeared in the Deseret Evening News as follows:



Notice of Excommunication

To whom it may concern:

At a meeting of the Presidency and the High Council of the Granite stake of Zion, Joseph W. Musser, after due hearing and consideration, was excommunicated from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for [illegible]

I hope someday to have the privilege in making a proper defense under circumstances and before Judges where Justice along presides. In mean time I must remain humble and be patient and since my people have left me, I must turn to my God with greater determination to serve Him than ever.

Got out affidavit for Mr. Davis. Very busy at office.

Thursday 24th.

Working on annual report of Company for State Securities Commission. Called up Dr. Rupert for some money on account of the Utah Leasing Syndicate, which he owes. He said "nothing doing", why dont you get it from Dave, he bought a car recently." I hung up. That is the way a person finds himself "holding the sack" sometimes when his friends should help him.

Friday 25th.

Working on annual report of Gus.Oil Co. for Securities Commission. Bookkeeper in California hence work is harder.

Saw "Charley Chaplin" in "the Kid". Also L.D.S. University Pageant, the latter at night with Wife Rose and Daughters Ruth, Bertha Anna and Gertrude at S.L.Theatre, compliments of Ruth.

Saturday 26th.

Finished Gus. Oil Co. report.

Took Mamma Rose, Rose Jr., Ruth, Gertrude Milton and Lucile to see "Charley Chaplin and the Kid" at American. Immense.

Ellis and Josephine asked me on "Q.T" to but an Easter Lilly for mamma and they would pay for it. What wonderful love!

Sunday 27th.

Spent most happy day in "Dale" with children including "Joneva". All present except Neil and family.

Monday 28th.

Routine at office. Conference with Evans, Franz and Pingree about Circle Cliff lands.

Tuesday 29th.

Ellis slipped off to Huntington to look into the oil situation, where the Ohio Oil Co. is drilling. She got Grandma Shipp to come and look after the Children.

Very busy at office.

Wednesday 30

Busy getting off stock to Gus.Oil Co. stockholders. Wired Gustaveson important he be here Monday to attend stockholders' meeting.
Had conference with Davis and Atty.Senior regarding Shale titles, and arranged for meeting with the "Hebeker Group" tomorrow to try and get theur agreement modified.

Thursday 31.

Wire from D.H.Gustaveson stating he could not get "reservations" for home until Monday.
Very busy at office with stockholders.

APRIL 1921

FRIDAY 1

Dear, sweet, lovely Lorraine Musser Adams gave birth to son (Charles) my first grandson. 9 pounds 12 oz. Holy Cross Hospital. Dr. Hunter attending. Birth 3:10 P.M. A most happy event.
I gave my mother her first grandson and Lorraine her first great-grand son.

Saturday 2.

Very busy at office with stockholders.

Sunday 3.

Wife Ellis returned from Huntington all worn out. She succeeded in getting two valuable leases and some royalty contracts near Huntington.

Monday 4.

Snow and rain.
Held meeting of stockholders of Gus. Oil Co. in "Oak Room" of Newhouse Hotel at 7 P.M. About 50 present. President D.H.Gustaveson didnot get to meeting. Stockholders elected

old board with minor changes and decided to begin another well. Subscribed $2500. in stock at 2 1/3¢ per share

Tuesday 5.
Busy with stockholders visiting at office. D.H.Gustaveson returned from California at 7:50 P.M.

Also helping wife Ellis with oil deal.

Wednesday 6.
Meeting of Board of Directors of Gus.oil Co. Was re-elected Secretary and member of Executive Committee.

Dave (D.H.G) and I bought lease from wife Ellis at Huntington. 146 acres for $2500. she retaining a 1/7 interest. The lease was purchased upon Dave's suggestion.

Thursday 7
Accompanied D.H.Gustaveson to Huntington to look up title to lease purchased, known as the Murning lease. Stopped at Price for night.

Friday 8.
Took auto. to Castle Dale, County Seat of Emery County, where we found the titles in good shape. Returned to Price, via the Ohio Oil Co. well at Huntington.

Saturday 9.
Returned to Salt Lake, 7:10 A.M. train.

Sunday 10 to Tuesday 12.
Confined at home with LaGrippe.

Wednesday 13.
D.H.Gustaveson had words with R.S.Collett, accusing him of unprofessional work in connection with Mr. Bosch. Collett called him a liar. He afterwards apologised to Gus. for loosing his temper, but had no occasion to withdraw the word "liar."

Prepared contract from H.R.Thomas of Wales, Utah giving option on his coal mine for $30,000. $1000. on inspection. Bal. in 3, 6 and 9 months.

Thursday 14.
Took Lorraine home from Hospital with her child. All doing well.

Left on 11:55 train for Thermo for purpose of inspecting and locating iron claims.

Friday 15.
Arrived at Milford at 8:30 A.M. Met David Potter who said snow during the night so heavy we could not make the trip in the mountains. Took stage to Beaver about 35 miles south east of Milford to look up the titles to the iron claims we have already purchased.

At Beaver met my "White" relatives. My mother's brothers &c. She was a Beaverite. So far as I can remember this is my first trip to Beaver. Had a splendid visit with them. Took supper with Bp.Dennis White, my cousin. Stopped at Uncle Charley's and ~~M~~ Aunt Polly's. Aunt Maggie bed fast in pittiable condition.
Beaver has about 1800 people. 5970 Ft.Alt.

Saturday 16.
Looked up records for title and found everything O.K. Took stage at 3 P.M. for Minnersville where I met Potter and arranged to go into the mountains tomorrow with him and team.
Minersville about 18 miles from Milford. 675 population. Alt. 5750
Stopped at Smith Hotel.

Sunday 17.
Left for iron claims in Western Beaver County at 7 A.M. with poor team and heavy wagon, which were procurred for the trip by Potter. As we were starting the owner of the team said, "Just hold on to the lines Dave, the horses will do the rest.", then, "dont croud that grey or he will not go ten miles." The last was true. We had not gone much more than ten miles when both horses were practically played out. Nooned at "Warm Springs" about 15 miles out. Reached "Iron Springs" about 20 miles from noon, late at night.
We were short on bedding. Three in a bed. I rolled out at 2 A.M. and sat the balance of night out by the fire. We camped in the open near water.

Monday 18.
Off at 5:20 A.M. after "Coffee" and cookies. Reached the ranch house, the end of the road at 7 A.M.
We did'nt stop for breakfast (the house was tenantless) but figured on getting the 6 mile climb over with before the heat of day, so we started, taking one horse along to carry back samples of ore. We got lost on the way and easily doubled the distance. I was completely faged out. We finally located the property and inspected the five claims already located and located two additional known as Paris No.1 and 2. Locators: David Potter, D.H.Gustaveson and J.W.Musser.

The iron appears to be of the very best. It was used in the early days for fluxing at the Horn Silver smelters not far distant. But with the abandonment ofthe smelters the iron was abandoned too.

Returning we arrived at camp about 3 P.M. good and hungry and tired. Stopped at cabin all night. In morning found a rat with her young in bed with us.

Tuesday 19.
Left ranch at 5:30 A.M. Watered at "Iron Springs" and arrived at Thermo, on Salt Lake Route at about 10:30 where we cooked and ate breakfast near the railroad track. Dave's brother, who accompanied us on the trip, took team back to Minersville. We flagged No.20 and stopped it, but they refused to let us on as the train was not a "flag" train. No station. Just a section house occupied by a Jap and a Mexican woman, whose husbands were at work. Neither of them could understand the other norus, and we could not understand them. But we gave the Jap woman $1. for the shelter of her room as the wind was intense. About 5 P.M. procured an auto. ride to Milford. Mr. Cline, whom I wanted to see at Milford, I found was in Salt Lake. Took 8 P.M. train to Salt Lake.

Escalanta Valley through which we have been traveling is a wonderful country with vast areas of good level land which will some day be made productive by water and cultivati
This land lies in Beaver and Iron counties.

Wednesday 20.
Arrived home at 6 A.M. At office at 10 A.M. with plenty of work.
Expense of trip $60.78.

Thursday 21.
Entered into agreement with C.A.Quigley to assist in financing his oil permit in the San Rafel Swell section. Dave Gustaveson and I to advance $7,000.00 cash and to sell the Gus.Oil Co. rig for $3000. The money to be paid back to us out of the first proceeds received by the Reserve Oil Co. (Quigley's Co) from sale of stock, together with 1/3 of the promotion stock.

Also preparing plans for the building of Oil Villa on corner 13th. South and State.

Friday 22.
Purchased 50 ft. lot on 13th. S. & State for $5,000. as site for Oil Villa. Quite sick from my trip caused through exposure.

Saturday 23.
Preparing letter to stockholders of Gus. Oil Co. giving them report of last year's operations and of proceedings of stockholders meeting.

Monday 25.
Signed contract with Quigley. Also working on letters to Stockholders of Gus.O.Co.

Tuesday 26.
Signed contract for the building of Oil Villa with Baum Co. builders, price $13,600.

Wednesday 27.
Prepared Articles of Incorporation for the Reserve Oil Co. at request of Mr. Quigley. Also got out contract with R.S.Collett on oil shale properties, giving option for purchase on about 10,000 acres.

Thursday 28.
Little "Joneva" was born to Joseph and Geneva. Beautiful girl 5 pounds 10 oz. God be thanked for His wonderful blessings.

Finishing Articles for Reserve Oil Co. Also agreement between Mr. Davis and Gustaveson severing former connections and making division of property. Also application to Securities Commission for Reserve Oil Co. to sell stock. Also minutes of last meeting of stockholders of Gus.O.Co.

Friday 29.
Routine at office.

Saturday 30.
Routine at office.
Purchased wagon for Guy to haul milk to road for dairy , also "kiddie-kar" for Samuel.

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Monday 2
Finished application to Securities Commissio for Reserve Oil Co.
Gustaveson went to Springville to look up some oil land.
Got signature of Collett on shale contract.

Tuesday 3.
Got all papers finished and signed for Reserve Oil Co.

Priscilla's 8th. birthday. Took she,Guy and wife Mary to Pantages.

Wife Ellis arranged to purchase lot on Yale Ave. Running from Yale south to next street with canyon cottage. A most beautiful place. She is a wonder !

Wednesday 4.
D.H.G. returned "knocked out" from trip.
Files Reserve Oil Co. papers and paid annual rental fee to State on shale lease near Watson in name of Collett and myself, and which we are turning over to our European friends.

Thursday 5.
Left at 4:45 P.M. for Thompson on R.G.W.Ry. 217 miles from Salt Lake. Elev.5160 ft. arriving 1:45 A.M. Went to move rig purchased by Reserve Oil Co. from Gus. Oil Co. Now at Salt valley.

Friday 6.
Arranged with Mr. Greer to supt. moving

32 rig. We secured 12 horses. Went out to Salt Valley Valley and found rig in bad shape for moving as the beam on one side was broken. About seven miles of road good balance seven miles very heavy with sand. Raining during afternoon.

Met Mulvey going east, he said he had borrowed two 8" bits, stem, blower and two wrenches belonging to rig, and now being used at the Cresent well. Gave me order for them.

The Thompson hotel is run by Greeks. I asked the proprietor for a wash basin for my room. He shrugged his shoulders and said since putting in "toilet" up stairs he had removed all wash bowls from rooms. But the toilet has no washing accomodations. I secured a basin. Coal oil light and poor beds.

Saturday 7.
Went to Salt valley with Greer in his auto. to prepare for teams to follow. They arrived about about noon. Took until 3 P.M. to get ready to move. Teams pulled the rig about four miles and stalled in a deep wash. Returned to camp after dark, where we stopped. Raining pretty heavy. No shelter, except for some boards we put up against the boiler and crawled under. Four in camp. Made one bed in rain in which we all slept (?). Team had brought barrel of water for horses but as we didnot expect to camp there we provided no water for ourselves. At night the horses refused to drink the water. We used it for "coffee."

Sunday 8.
Teamster said reason the horses would not drink the water, it was from an old reservoir and in a swill barrel.

Loaded up all extra machinery

except walking beam and two other timbers, which wagon must go back for. Hunted all over the flat for water for breakfast and for the horses, but failed to find any. Got rig out of wash about 3 P.M. Made to within about 3 1/2 miles from Thompson by night. Road so heavy had to snub rig by wheels and move it a few feet at time in places and frequently digging the sand out for rods ahead to make a path for it. Used eight horses on rig, two on wagon and sent t back to owners.

Monday 9.
Got machine to Thompson by noon. Greer and I went to Cresent and found a lot of our stuff being used there. They promised to return it by tomorrow. By use of block and tackle, brain power and sheer strength got drilling machine loaded by 7:30. It was a hard job.

Tuesday 10.
Greer got foot hurt loading rig, and couldnot go back after balance of stuff. Pool hall full of idle men, but none who had time to take the job. Finally got team off.

Wednesday 11.
Received two 8" bits, stem, jars, two wrenches and blower from Cresent well. Got all loaded with balance of stuff from Salt Valley. Blocked rig and billed care, to Morhland and took train 12:18 P.M. to Salt Lake arriving at 9 P.M. Expense of trip, including six days at $10. for myself, $295.92.
Little Joe suffering with her throat.

Thursday 12.
Met O.M. Simon from Paris.
Looking after details at office.

Took Geneva and daughter home from hospital. Also went to Tooele for Lorraine and son where she is visiting with the Doremas's. Took Ruth, Bertha, Anna and Gertrude..

Assisting Westphal in getting new agreement with Mr. Davis on purchase of Millard Co. leases. Also met with Mr. Quigley, Gustin and A.V. Mc ornick at home of Quigley in evening to talk over financial plans. D.H.G. there too.

Saturday 14.
Meeting with Secretary of State Securities Commission with Mr. Quigley on affairs of the Reserve Oil Co. All satisfactory.

Dined with Mr. Simon, Gustaveson, Munk and daughter Mary at Rotissier..

Closed up agreement between Westphal and Davis at Senior's office.

Arranged with Thos.Wimmer Jr. to haul rig from Mohrland to San Rafel, for Mr. Quigley.

Monday 16.
Had serious talk with Gustaveson on financial affairs. He is quite perturbed and treated me shabbily, but we are working out a more feasible plan. He claimed Ellis had interfered with his deal with Simon
Met with Gus. and Simon and discussed plan to get together and get $38.000. as final payment on our lease holdings.

Wife Ellis took 4;45 train for Price on lease business, Sister Parker taking care of children.
Overdrawn at bank. Sweating blood, but not discouraged.

Tuesday 17.
Routine at office. Borrowed $100. from Burton (my brother) Dave and his father left for Diamond Fork to inspect new well site.

Learnt from wife Mary that John M.Whittaker had told daughters Mary and Naomi that by reason of the action taken against me by the Church I had forfeited all my blessings, and my wife would lose her blessings if she persisted in living with me. Mayr said, "Pres. Taylor told my mamma to stay with Papa." Whittaker said that Pres. Taylor would have been an apostle today had he not made the mistake of entering into polygamy. Wrote strong letter to Whitaker, which, on reflection I didnot send. I will let the Lord handle him.

Wednesday 18.
Wife Ellis returned from Price very much fatigued from her trip, but successful.

Working on protests against certain applications for permits covering some of our shale properties. Also checked up bills of Gus.Oil Co. for month for payment.

Thursday 19.
Ellis quite sick from her trip to Price and Huntington.

Two parties, Wagerman and Britschneider, arrived from Devner to look over our holdings for the French people.

Friday 20.
Had automobile fixed and left at 3 P.M. With D.H.Gustaveson, Simon and his two experts, to look over holdings. Took trip up "Cobble creek" and spent night at Hotel Harrison, Springville.

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Saturday 21.
Off for Diamond Fork at 8 A.M. Up canyon 12 miles. Tehnes to Thistle and up left hand road to oil asphalt beds-2 1/2 miles on intermediate and low all the way. Upon returning to Thistle for lunch, by questioning our "experts" we were satisfied they had already decided to turn the property down, though they had seen but a small part of it. They are "Standard" men. Decided to go no further but return to Salt Lake. Learnt through Simon these men tried to get him to drop our proposition and join them in a Wyoming property.

Monday 23.
Helping Reserve Oil Co. on literature.

Sold 20 acre interest in Murning Lease to Behling for $35. per acre.

Wife Ellis closed up deal selling 80 acres of her Lemmon lease, to Utah Oil Ref. Co. for $5600. cash. Helped her with her papers.

During my absence at Thompson she offered this lease to Gustaveson, and he refused to talk to her because she had mentioned it to Mr. Simon. She was willing to take her expenses back and let him handle it and share profits with her. In his wrath he insulted her and upon my return she reiterated her offer to me, offering to excuse Gustaveson's unmanly attitude toward her. I said no, I would not let him participate in it now after what he had done. She sold it for cash. It is located squarely on the structure near the present drillings of the Ohio Oil Co. She is a brick. She out generaled Gustaveson.

Tuesday 24.
Raining hard first part of day.
Working on Simon contract.

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Borrowed $150. from Ellis to tide over few days.
Working on papers for Reserve Oil Co.

Accompanied Simon, Gustaveson, Wetzel and their ladies to Beck's Hot Springs. Took dinner at Hotel Utah with above parties and wife Ellis, after which we went to Pantages. Mr. Simon was accompanied by a Miss Brinton.

Wednesday 25.
Suffering with bad cold.
Working on Simon agreement with D.H.G.
Wife Ellis finally purchased lot on Yale Ave. formerly owned by W.W. Riter, having about $2500. improvements on it. Price $3350. She paid cash for same. Paid her lawyers and the Lessors of her lease at Huntington and sent her sister Olea $150. at Chruchill to help them out.

Took Lorraine and Geneva and their babies for a ride and visited the Art Dept. of L.D.S University and saw Anna's art work. Prof. Wright her teacher said he had been teaching since 1905 but had never had a student do the work that Anna is doing.

Thursday 26.
D.H.G. and I finished contract fro Simon to sign. But beacuse he didnot feel like signing it at once Dave lost his temper speaking very harshly to him, and almost "spilled the beans."

Friday 27.
Working all day on Simon contract. When he expressed disappointment in the 10,000 acres of Lindsay land in legal controversy, Dave said "I bet you $100. they will never get a drop of oil on that land. It is no good." Simon was dumbfounded and getting me aside asked me what he meant, as Gustaveson had represented to he and associates

that this particular tract was most valuable. He says, "I dont see how I can Trust him again." After some explaining and pursuasion I got them together again. Brother Burton finally prepared contract acceptable to all parties.

Working on ad for Reserve Oil Co.

Also got out assignment for Ellis on 2 1/2 acres of her Huntington lease which she sold to Mr. Schultz.

Saturday 28.
Contract finally signed by O.M.Simon and Gustaveson. Paid over $19,000. of which Snow got $1000. and Sloan $500.

Monday 30.
Hibbard E.R. arrived from Los Angeles and we got him to sign up agreement to turn his interests in our leases over under the Simon contract. He received about $4000. as part payment.

Tuesday 31.

D.H.G. had another set to with Simon over payment of Hibbard's expenses to Salt Lake and return; later had Simon out to his home for dinner and all feeling better.

Got out ad for Reserve Oil Co.

Wednesday 1.
Paid $100. tithing.
Working on Reserve Oil Co. letters, and agreement between Utah Con.Oil Co. and Keeler group on new organization basis.

Had long talk with old brother C.J.Gustaveson. He is determined that David and I shall see that the Diamond Fork well is finished, in which case he said we would prosper; otherwise we will not.

Thursday 2.
Got Reserve Oil Co. ad in Western Mineral Survey and proof-read same.

Held directors meeting of Utah Consolidated Oil Co. Took Simon to dinner at Farm, after which we went to Becks Hot Springs, with Mamma, Mary and Naomi.

Friday 3.
Finished maps for O. M. Simon. Took Simon and Dale kiddies to graduation exercises at Irving Jr. school, Sugar Ward. Gertrude graduated.

Saturday 4.
Routine at office.

Sunday 5th.
Blessed Charles Alexander Adams, born April 1st. 1921, to daughter Lorraine. Also blessed Rosanne, Born April 28, 1921, to son Joseph and Geneva. Assisted by Joseph.

Monday 6.
D. H. Gustaveson and I advanced $500. to the Carbon Emery Oil Co., for 63,000 shares of stock, we to have the Management of the Company for one year. They have leases on the Farnum and Woodside structures, considered valuable.

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Arranged with Karns to put #23 Star rig in shape for Reserve Oil Co.

Arranged phone service for Oil Villa. Also got out ad for Reserve Oil Co. Also stationary.

Wednesday
~~F r i day~~ 6.
Dave and I purchased rig of Colo.Utah Oil Ref .Co which has been in operation near Thistle, for $4300. A splendid buy.

Saturday 11.
Arranged to move offices to Oil Villa Monday, 1307 S. State. Also ads for Reserve Oil Co. in Tribune and Telegram.

Very destructive fire at plant of Utah Oil Refining Co. Also fire at Hygea Ice plant in Sugar ward.

Birthday of wife Rose, 49 years old. Pleasant family reunion.

Sunday 12.
Attended M. I. A. conference with Ruth, Bertha and Anna. Splendid meeting, Adam Bennion speaker. -Epigrams:

"There is no God-forsaken country except in that country where man forsakes his God."

An optomist is a feller who sees a light where there aint none, and a pessimist is a darned old grouch who comes along and blows it out."

"Prayer will keep a man from sin just as much as sin will keep a man from prayer."
- Brigham Young

Monday 13.

Moved into Oil Villa, which Gustaveson and I

built as an investment for oil offices. 11 rooms. Hot water heating system. Cost about $15,000. for the Building and $5000. for the lots. My judgment was against building it, but I surrendered to Dave's judgment.

Attended Pantages with Jake and Katie, Mame, Mary and Naomi.

Thursday 9.
Went to Diamond Fork and Thistle with Karns to check up machinery on #23 Star and on new $38 star which we just purchased.

Also visited Murdock property up Provo canyon, for purpose of testifying as to its value in court. Also saw Lew Miller of Spanish Fork, as filing petition for lease on his farm up Diamond Fork.

Friday 10.

Joseph quite sick. Got Dave and O.M.Simon off for New York.

Tuesday 14.
Straightening up offices at Oil Villa. Had photos taken for Western Mineral survey and wrote biography of D.H.Gustaveson for publication.

Wednesday 15.
Purchased counter and cupboard for Oil Villa from Baum & Co.
Left on 3:45 train for Price, arriving at 9:30.

Thursday 16th.
Went over Farnum district with Mr. Heber to inspect some prospective oil land, which Heber desires I assist him in procuring. Also taking up lease matters for the Carbon Emery Oil Co. Karns and Hickey reached Price enroute to San Rafel for Reserve Oil Co. Met Gov. Eabie and party, enroute to San Juan.

Friday 17.
Karns and Hickey to me to Wellington where I met TWayne and Milner and tried to get Milner to renew his lease to Carbon Emery Oil Co. He refused because of some differences with Kauffman. Went to Huntington and visited Ohio well, where a fishing job is on.
Paid Mrs. Lemon $500. for wife Ellis on her lease deal.

Saturday 18.
Went to San Rafel Swell with Karns and Hickey,-33 miles from Huntington, south-east. Elev. on river at location of Reserve Oil Co. 5300 feet. Road about 8 miles through Buckham draw very heavy with sand.
Visited works of the Old Emery Oil Co. Well down about 350 feet. Splendid camp arrangement. Standard rig.

At the Reserve Oil Co. location found the company's #33 Star rig, but most of the tools missing, which I learnt had been borrowed by the San Rafel Oil Co., such as bailer, stem, bit, jacks, etc.
Returning arrived at Price at 6 P.M.

Sunday 19.
Went to Wellington to see Milner again. He said had decided not to lease on any terms unless we put up a bond guaranteeing that we commence drilling at once.

Monday 20.
Returned home leaving Price at 5:45 A.M.
Expenses of trip $47.08.

Tuesday 21.
Spent day fixing up at office. Got Sloan sig. on change in proposed organization on Paris deal.

Spent evening visiting with Sister Monson and children in South Cottonwood. Henry S. Tanner and folks also being present. Had

Wednesday 22.
Went to Diamond Fork to select stuff for Reserve Oil Co. rig at San Rafel. Home by 10 o'clock P.M. Took wife Ellis and children and had a duck in Castella Springs. Sam's first swim.

Thursday 23.
Permitted Pembroke Co. to fix up office occupied by D.H.Gustaveson, with set of furnitu to be left on approval until Gustaveson returns from East. Also looking up title to lands near Farnum.

Jennie P. Musser reported to have received appointment as U.S.Collector of Customs for Utah.

Friday 24.
Got letter from D.H.Gustaveson stating that Simon would not pay balance of $19,000. until after returning to France; that he (D.H.G) had invested heavily in Cities Service stocks on margin and had lost, spending my own money with his own. Asked me what he should do. I wired to come home. He is owing me about $8000. which he has been gambling with without my consent.

Saturday 25.
Working on map of Carbon-Emery Oil Co. holdings. Got Jos.R.Murdock to sign protests covering our shale holdings in the Uintah Basin.

Peck's Bad Boy at American with Ellis and the kiddies. Birthday celebration of Grandma Hill at the Farm.

Sunday 26.
Took wife Mame, Mary, Marine Carlisle, Aunt Jennie and Wayne for ride. Visited City Cemetery, ending up at Jno.C.Howard's, where we had a cherry fistival from the trees.

Mame told me that Grace Tout, who recently married an outsider, had appointed herself a committee of one to consult with the authorities to ascertain my Church xat statis. She had consulted with Apostle Jos.F.Smith Jr. who informed her that I had lost all my blessings and if my wives persisted in living with me, they would lose theirs including their children, who would, in eternity, be given to some one more worthy. Miss Tout was very much alarmed and wanted my wife to leave me. What hellishness! Will we never learn to keep our noses out of the other fellow's affairs? Foolish women and a foolish world, talking with foolish men can conjure up more damphoolishness in a day than a sensible man can destroy in a life time.

Monday 27.
Helped wife Ellis to check up certain oil lands in Twp. 15 S. Range 12 E. Also working on map for Carbon-Emery Oil Co.

Tuesday 28.
Got our letter to stockholders of Gus.Oil. Co..
Karns and Hickey returned from San Rafel.

Milton was baptized in the Temple for Amos Milton Musser who was born Jan.14, 1905, and died June 29, 1919, son of Don C.W. and Laura Farrell Musser.

Wednesday 29.
Spent day at office on Reserve Oil Co. and other business.

Thursday 30.
Made application for certain lands in Diamond Fork, under the U.S. leasing laws, in name of Jos.B.Keeler, for Utah Con. Oil Co. (Holding papers for the prsent in above matter)

Friday 1.
Wired Gustaveson, New York, for $2000. to be used in meeting expenses here, (which he didnot send, as he had lost our money in gambling)

Saturday 2.
Noted ad in paper, "Sugar 4¢ pound in 10 pound lots." Last year the sugar trust held us up for around 25¢ per pound. I resolved I would buy none except it became absolutely necessary; using honey as a substitute. The "robbers" must be checked. We raise the beets and make the sugar here, and yet must pay the extortionate prices demanded by the "Trust", and must ad to that price freight from Utah to Chicago or some such point, tho the sugar never leaves the State! And to think it is necessary for the Church to be mixed up with such a robbery!

Had long talk with Mrs. Gustaveson. She showed me letters from Dave in which he severely criticised her and declared he didnot longer love her. She was feeling very badly. I advised her to await his return before taking any action and not to get a divorce unless she found it absolutely necessary.

Monday 4.
Took Rose Sen., Anna and Gertrude to Tooele-Doremises- to spend week in canyon with Anita and family. Lorraine, Bertha and Ruth went along for the ride. Very cold weather since Friday 1st. Snow in Southern Idaho and killing frosts in Heber. Fire in home to keep warm. This after a hot spell. Weather Bureau says no scientific reason for such sudden change.

Tuesday 5.
Karns in twice for money on Reserve Oil Co. account. Quigley insists upon our putting

up the full amount of $7000. cash as originally agreed upon. Letter from Dave stating he had lost all his and my money gambling on the Exchange-presumably in City Service stocks, and asked what he should do, come home and face the music or go to Bolovia where he has an offer to inspect some oil lands. I wired him to come home and help work out the problems here. His action leaves me stranded for cash,-the worst I have been for years. His use of my money, amounting to $6000. or $7000. was without my authority whatever, and could be sent to jail for the offense.

Wednesday 6.
Quite sick with terrible caugh and hay fever. Spending time between bed and office.
Quite unwell and at home until 12th. Took some adjustments from Dr. Cottam. D.H.G. returned from New York on Saturday, full of apologies and promises, but with little real help.

Tuesday 12.
Gustaveson returned from Diamond Fork with Spalding. Learnt from Perrine that Spalding was not associated with Benney and Smith as had been reported, nor did he represent any financial people, yet Gustaveson and he had been chasing after Spalding, loaning him money, (part of it mine) etc.

Took farm wife and kiddies to Pantages.

Wednesday 13.
Spent day at office, clearing up details preparing to spend time in the field.

Thursday 14.
Left Salt Lake in my car for examination of our property with Gustaveson, B.T. Spalding, Victor Cotner and J.E. Frazier, representing Benn Benney-Smith & Co. New York. Left Salt Lake 1 P.M. went direct to Diamond Fork. Gustave-

of well No.2 with Stainbrook and Kuhn, whom we arranged to drill the well. Also went to Thistle with them. Stainbrook to get $12. and Kuhn $10. per days and Auto. supplies, they to furnish their food and their own car. They were to start immediately mov- the #28 Star rig up the canyon from Thistle.

July 15.
Spent day with engineers at Soldier Fork on Mellen property, climbing all days. Swam at Castella.

Saturday 16.
Enroute to Price. Visited the Allman property six miles up Mill fork from Jones' ranch. Tunneling for oil. Sand outcrop about 40 ft. thich. Old stills and shafts use years ago in recovering oil and refining. Stuck in mud. Roads poor for about ten miles from flood and recent rains. Put chains on before reaching Price. Arrived at Price at 8 P.M.

Sunday 17.
Went to Sunnyside. Up Whitmore canyon to Bear canyon, 36 miles from Price. Thence walke up Bear to 1500 ft. oil sand. Gustaveson lost his way for two hours. Took five hours to reach summit overlooking Uintah basin and 1 1/2 hours to return. 2200 ft. rise, 7600 to 9800 ft. altitude. The company all played out.

Returning to Price took 12 P.M. train for Mack with Cotner and Frazier, Gus. and Spalding to meet us with car at Vernal.

Monday 18.
Took 8:15 train for Dragon. Encountered heavy storm near Dragon preventing our crossing Evacuation creek to get to Whisky Creek to see the Pope oil tunnel. Had Nelson' car-truck- from Watson. After getting

the car out of the stream we returned to Watson, examining shale in Sec.16, enroute. In few hours Evacuation creek raised to a torrent of flood, and we were happy in having turned back while the turning was good.

Stopped at St. Rigis hotel, Mr. Winkler, Prop. Watson 5300 elev. Uintah Ry. 7 1/3% grade, raising 2300. ft. in six miles from Atachee to Baxter Pass.

Tuesday 19.
7:30 A.M. left for Hill creek with Pete Nelson, 42 miles, arriving at Camp Collett, in Agency draw, where the Davis interests have put in a 1/2 ton oil retort to treat the shales. Galloupe process. Met R.S. Collett coming in. He gave us letter of introduction to Galloupe, requesting him to show us plant but "omit details." As Galloupe is a great talker we got all the details. 8 minutes to run shale, residue used as fuel. Plant on S.E. Sec.1, 13 S. 20 E. Returning reached Watson 6 P.M. Blind man at Hotel, held concert.

Bad spell of hay fever all day.

Wednesday 20..
Left Watson at 1:30 in 2 1/2 ton White truck of Uintah Ry. Co. arriving at Vernal at 5:30. Met Gustaveson and Spalding who arrived the evening previous and had been out fishing. Took the party out to the sand outcrop near Vernal.

Thursday 21.
Off at 6:30 A.M. and made Red Creek, nooning at DuChesne. Gustaveson went fishing, balance of party remaining at Dave Murdock's ranch.

Friday 22.
Gustaveson, Cotner, Frazier and Spalding took saddle horses, guided by Douglas Murdock, went to Simmon's ground, leaving 7 A.M. and returning 4:30 P.M. Left for Salt Lake at 5 P.M. arriving about 12:30 A.M. 108 miles, lunching at Heber.

Saturday 23.
At office. Aunt Lizzie Shipp died of cancer, after quite a long sickness.

Sunday 24.
Birthday of wife Ellis and son Joseph. Spent day at the two homes

Monday 25.
Took Ellis and family up Ogden canyon for an outing.

Funeral of Aunt Lizzie Shipp in Forest Dale chappel. Elder George Gibbs, Secy. to the First Presidency, was the main speaker. He told many things regarding experiences of the early saints with reference to Plural Marriage. Told of Brother Harris having been detailed to attend meetings of the Mob where it was decided to kill Joseph Smith as a "fallen Prophet". They took an oath dedicating their property and sacred honor (?) to the killing. Upon reporting to Joseph Smith, he told Harris that an angel with drawn sword had commanded him to accept the principle of plural marriage and now the mob is planning to slay him because he did accept it.

Bro. Gibbs bore testimony to the sacredness of the principle. It is eternal, and must be accepted for the blessings predicated upon it. Commended those who are keeping it alive and who are continuing in the faith of their fathers.

Joseph had said that his wife Emma would dethrone Jehovah himself to attain to rulership. And many women are like her.

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In living the principle, some men are always in the front trenches of the battle, and donot know what peace is. The Prophet had told Harris he would be in the Rocky Mountains within 20 years, which proved true.

Brigham Young had urged unity in family relations. When they are united and have means to be used for righteous purposes there is no limit to the good that may be accom accomplished.

Joseph Smith had said that there were spirits in heaven who had kept their first estate, who preferred to remain there as ministering angels than to take up mortal bodies, and they were granted that privilege.

A Shipp family meeting was held in the evening at Lotties. Sister Lillie Freeze was present and spoke.

Carbon-Emery Oil Co. decided to send me down to fix up their titles.

Wednesday 27.
C. A. Quigley moved in Oil Villa with Reserve Oil Co. Gustaveson went to Thistle to move rig up Diamond fork.

Thursday 28.
Routine at office.

Friday 29.
Arranged with Quigley and Coddard for a stock selling campaign for Reserve Oil Co. Samuel sick. Took he and Rosanne for ride Also took Mame, Minnie and cousin Sorenson to Lake.

Saturday 30.
Got out letter for Reserve Oil Co. Samuel and Lucile both sick with summer complaint Took Mary and chums to see the Howard Home. Gustaveson and wife on cuting in

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Sunday 31
Gustaveson reported having gone up Hobble Creek canyon fishing, with his wife, a break down with his car, and all kinds of trouble, which likely he will want the company to pay for.

AUGUST 1921

Monday 1.
Left on Orem electric 10:10 A.M. for Springville with Mr. Morgan, who is after a drilling job. Gustaveson's car being knocked out was being towed in. I took train for Price on Carbon-Emery work. Utah Oil Refining Co. spudded in well on Farnum structure.

Tuesday 2.
Spent day in office of County Recorder and Assessor at Price, looking up titles for the Company. Out of 18 deeds, I found only six having good record title.

Wednesday 3. Thursday 4
Went to Wellington and, assisted by Wm. A Thayne, got eight corrected deeds signed. A number of parties away from home. About 1000 acres of doubtful of title in any form. Thayne said Kaufmann knew of the conditions and yet accepted the land and gave treasury stock for it.

Friday 5.
Spent day at Woodsides with James Liddell. Saw six persons and got four deeds signed. One refused and the other wants to consult a lawyer.

Saturday 6.
Returned to Springville on 5:45 train A.M meeting Gustaveson at noon. Helped him arrange for moving rig. Contracted the work at $500. Went up Diamond, returning to Salt Lake in evening. At Pleasant Grove Gustaveson's car gave out. Towed in.

Sunday 7

Had some words with Gustaveson over our business policy. I insisted that one of us must stay at home and look after matters. He decided to stay, and I go to Sanpete with Frazer tomorrow to show coal and oil holdings.

Monday 8.

Went to Moroni, via Nephi, with Mr. J.E. Frazier, leaving Salt Lake 11:30 and arriving at Moroni at 5 P.M.

Tuesday 9.

Visited coal mine at Wales up Davis canyon one opening. About a six foot vein, but mine badly watered. 1680 acres patented. It is said first coal used in Salt Lake hauled from this property; especially good for blacksmithing. While in the canyon a rain came up, and in a very few minutes a flood that was terrific.

Leaving the mine went to Ephraim and saw Woodruff well No.2. Driving with water rig 6" hole.

Visited Perry rock quarry where Oolite stone is being quarried for City and County Bldg. at Provo. Slabs weighing some eight tons being taken out. Perfect fossil specimens being in many of them.

Wednesday 10.

Went up to Thomas coal mine again, but due to the breaking of the pump, the mine is still watered. Drove to Melbourne with Frazier. Inspected Zabriska gas well near Mt. Pleasant. Cotner and Assistants arrived in the evening. Word from home says little Ellis sick.

Thursday 11.

Went over Sanpete lands, under lease, with Frazier and Cotner, nooning at Springville, and driving to Salt Lake in evening with Frazier, Cotner going up Spanish Fork.

Friday 12.

Helped Frazier to ship samples off to Benny-Smith Co. New York. Wife Ellis and I took dinner with Mr. Frazier at Hotel Utah.

Gustaveson and I decided to incorporate our affairs which are now at lose ends.

Letter from Neil asking my advice about his coming home on a visit. Of course my answer was to COME. It has been nearly five years since we saw him.

Saturday 13.

Working on articles of Incorporation of Temple City Inv.Co.

Monday 15.

Took Ellis and the kiddies up to the canyon lot on Yale Ave. which we are acquiring for a home.

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Routine work at office.

Thursday 18.

Consented to sell my interest in our two capital Hill lots, for which we paid $1200. in a stock trade, and which should be worth about $600., to Gustaveson for $150.-$300. for the lots.

Formed Temple City Inv.Co. to handle the interests of Gustaveson, Munk and myself. We took 38,500 shares out of 50,000 shares for our holdings, Gus. 17,500, Me, 17,500 and Munk 3500. Gustaveson President and Treasurer, Munk Vice Pres. and Musser Secretary.

Friday 19.

Looking over part of plans for Yale home with wife Ellis. Getting out assignments to Temple City Inv.Co. from Gustaveson and Musser. Also letter Reserve Oil Co.

Saturday 20

Took Munk and Gustaveson to Goddard's office where we stamped 8000 letters for Reserve Oil Co.

Tuesday 23.

Held Board meeting of Gustaveson Oil Co. Decided to call special meeting of stockholders to decide upon amendment to articles making stock assessable. Company also decided to purchase rig from Gustaveson and I for $5000. We had purchased it from the Utah-Colorado oil & Gas Co. drilling near Thistle.

Took wife Rose, Ruth and Bertha to Pine Crest to camp for few days. 13 miles from Forest Dale.

Wednesday 24.

Preparing notice and letters for stockholders of Gustaveson Oil Co.

~~Thursday 25~~ Saturday 27.

Gustaveson raised me $500. for which I gave him credit for $1000. on our joint account. I was driven to this because of demands being made on me. Gustaveson owed me the money, having gambled my part away in New York, and the only way I could get any was to make a special inducement to him. What a crust he has!

Monday 29.

Getting out envelopes to stockholders Gus. Oil Co.

Also articles of incorporation Uinted Standard Oil Co.

Also agreement for Reed to sell some of our leases on the unit plan.

Munk took train for San Pete to work with Fred C. Jensen in selling Reserve Oil Co. stock.

Tuesday 30.

Got out form of assignment for R.D.Reed. Assisted in folding about 1500 letters for Gustaveson Oil Co.

Munk returned from San Pete saying no money there for stock. Gustaveson went to Diamond to check uo moving of rig.

Wednesday 31

Assisted wife Ellis in organizing United Standard Oil Co. $200,000. 2,000,000 shares. Takes in her 80 acre lease on the Farnum structure where the Utah Oil Ref. Co. and the Leonard Petroleum Co. are drilling. Also land at Huntington.

Thursday September 1

Mrs. Gustaveson came in with some serious complaints against her husband. I gave her my best advice and told her to be patient and try and reconcile their differences for the baby's sake if nothing else.

Monday 5.

Labor day. Milton and I fixed the chicken coop at Forest Dale.

Tuesday 6.

Neil arrived from Boston on 8:20 A?M. U.P. train, after an absence of five years last June. He is well and in fine shape. Spent evening with all the family at the "Dale."

Wednesday 7

Spent day at Diamond with Gustaveson and Neil. Gave orders to set up the #28.Star Rig.

Thursday 8.

Neil choring around home. Wife Ellis sick from overwork on her new home. She is trying to do the work of half dozen people in trying to finish a $15,000. house without indebtedness.

Word came from Columbia Carbon Co. declining to go on with our oil proposition. They were intending to join Simon in the original contract. The inspection of Frazier and C Cotner evidently was not satisfactory.

Friday 9.
Wife Ellis very sick. Home helping her until 3 P.M. when Grandma Shipp came. Spent evening at Dale with Neil, Grandma Musser, Blanche and the kiddies. Night nursing Ellis.

Monday 12.
Munk and wife started cafeteria at Oil Villa, having rented the north west room. Catering to school children.

Tuesday 13.
Spent most of day with Neil sightseeing. Visited Pres. Taylor. Had asked Joseph to arrange a family reunion at the "Dale" while Neil is home. He reports that in consequence of opposition of his mother toward the plan, it cannot be worked out. This seems a shame. With all the efforts I am putting forth to make the folks comfortable, they cannot please me to that extent. Rose has always opposed my views, ever since we were married. She changes so quickly. One minute as sweet as pie and another absolutely ungovernable. Agnes says her mother was the same way.

Thursday 15.
With Neil at the Farm. Attended Mill Creek Ward musical. Blanche taking part.

Wednesday 16
At meeting of Gustaveson Oil Co. stockholders decided to make stock assessable. Spent evening at Burton's home with Neil and

Saturday 17.
Spent day at office checking up yesterday's vote of stockholders. Neil home cutting down trees for exercise.

Monday 19.
Spent very pleasant evening at home xi of Bro. Joseph Simmons, with Neil as honored guest, and the rest of family.

Tuesday 20.
Perfected amendment to articles of Incorporation of Gustaveson Oil Co. making stock assessable. Also got out letters to Catholic Bishops for Mr. Quigley of Reserve Oil Co.

Cold day. Lighted fires for first time to heat up Oil Villa.

Friday 23.
At Board meeting of Gustaveson Oil Co. an assessment of 1 mill per share was levied on the outstanding stock.

Attended very pleasant entertainment at home c of Jno.C.Howard in honor of Neil. Among the guests was Capt. Arthur M. Sheets, who just happened in the City. Others present were Grandma Musser, Aunt Blanche, Mary, Catherine, Virginia and Jean Howard. Aunt Eva James and husband and children Romona, Voyle and Geneve. Uncle Barr Leah, Margaret and Elizabeth and Aunt Jennie and Wayne,. Elise and Bernard, Joseph, Geneva, Rosanne, Lorraine, Charles, Ruth, Bertha, Anna Gertrude and Annie Sheets.

Saturday 24.
Borrowed $75. from Burton. $50. of it to help Mary enter University of Utah. Attended Four Horsemen of the Apocalipse at S.L.Theatre with Neil, Ruth, Bertha, Anna & Gertrude. In evening we entertained Dr.Tyndale at the Dale.

Sunday 25.
Had all children at the Dale at noon for family photo. Wife Rose refused to participate, a most humiliating act. Ungrateful. Afternoon took

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Neil, Ruth, Lorraine V Charles and Gertrude to Aneta's at Tooele where we had a very pleasant afternoon. Had serious talk with Neil about rearing children and bore testimony to him with reference to the Gospel, which he apparently received.

Monday 26.

Went to Market with Neil at 6 A.M. for family supplies. Neil left for Cambridge, Mass. on 6:15 P.M. train U.P.Ry. His visit has been a perfect affair. He is clean and sweet. While at home he preferred work to play, a characteristic shown in his wonderful progress in school.

I now have the following children in school:
Boston Tech. Neil.
University of Utah: Ruth and Mary.
L.D.S.University: Bertha and Anna.
Granite High: Naomi.
Grade schools: Blanche, Guy, Priscilla, Josephine, Ellis, Milton and Lucile, -13.

OCTOBER

Thursday 6.

Since last entry have been busy at office on routine matters, and helping Gustaveson with Si Simon deal.

Borrowed $500. on my auto from Ray Bothwell. Had to put auto in storage his guarage. He charge $9. per month storage, 1% interest and $25. for getting loan. Atty. Hugo Anderson, in whose hands the Pacific Nash Co. had placed the balance on my unpaid note for collection charged me $15. for writing me a letter. I had given his father, Edward H. Anderson 5000 shares Gus. Oil stock as a present. The borrowing of this money was made necessary because of Gustaveson having gambled my money in New York, and could not pay me.

Saturday 8.

Getting papers ready for Dave to take to New York. Very busy.

Monday 10.

Getting Dave ready for Paris.
Spent pleasant evening at Farm entertaining Elder Veril Boyce, Naomi's friend, who is about to leave for Hawaii on mission. His father and mother were present.

October 11.

Up at 6 A.M. Milked five cows. Office at 9 Girls at school. Quite a strenuous life and struggle for education. Sell milk and eggs to help with expenses.

Got Dave off for Paris on 1 P.M. train, quite a relief.

October 13.

Helping Westphal get leases in shape for Davis. Senior is directing the legal work. Grandma Shipp and Lucile quite sick at home. Helping to nurse them.

Saturday 15.

Signed and sealed as Notary 282 leases on approximately 39,860 acres oil land in Millard Co. for Westphal

Monday 17.

Grandma and Samuel quite sick at home. Took Westphal lease to Columbia Trust Co. for escrow. Sold to D.J.L.Davis, at $1.50 cash and $5. stock per acre. Dave and I to get 1/6 of proceeds as paid, after expenses of procuring same are paid.

Tuesday 18.

Working on Casa de JEMLS on Yale Ave. lot. J-E-M-L-S, or Gem. Ellis, being first letter in each name of our Yale family.

Thursday 20.

Ellis Sr. Grandma Shipp and Samuel all sick, and I the nurse.

Friday 21.

Grandma Shipp seriously sick Up from 3 A.M. with her. Wife Ellis still sick.

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Saturday 22.
Half sick. Ellis out to work but not well. Bertha sick. Joseph and I administered to her. Worked all day in cabin at Yale, getting ready to move while house is being finished.

Monday 24.
Raining hard Saturday night and this morning. Wo rking on cottage at Yale, with bad case Lumbago.

Tuesday 25.
Redeemed my auto, by paing $500. loan. Bertha's fever 104. Josephine and Grandma Shipp also very sick. We are having a siege of it.

Monday 31.
After working during last two weeks fixing up cabin and sleeping porch on Yale lot, we moved there today. Took Grandma, Josephine and Sam to 713 2nd. Ave. while we move. Slept first night over Red Butte stream, a delightful place! Wife Ellis traded oil stock for $300. worth of blankets for winter.

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Thursday 3.
Got water connected up in cabin and with coal range and took first bath in new home. Quite a luxury after our toil. My Nash Automobile was stolen.

Friday 4.
Police recovered Automobile but not the thieves It was damaged, but fully covered with insurance. Grandma still sick. Took Joe and Sam home to stay. Bertha recovering gradually.

Monday 7.
Yesterday took Munk, Brown and Blau down to well at Diamond Fork. Down 81 ft. Everything looked good.
Mother 75 years old. Attended birthday dinner at Howard's in her honor. She is well.

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Tuesday 8.
Witness for Jos. R. Murdock in Provo land value case in federal court, giving "Expert Testimony.

November 12.
Took wife Mary, Blanche, Guy and Priscilla to see Mrs. Wiggs of Cabbage Patch, at Wilkes Theatre. Grandma Shipp still seriously sick.

Sunday 13.
Celebrated birthdays of Mary and Guy. Included Naomi's, as she was overlooked on the day it happened. Mary is 18. A young woman. The first fruits of our plural marriage. She is wonderfully bright, healthy and beautiful.

Wednesday 16.
Received wire from D.H. Gustaveson by radio from ocean saying: "Meet me New York, Monday, Waldorf Astoria."

Thursday 17.
Snowed pretty much all night. Continuing all day. First of season of consequence. Bot ticket to New York, including birth to Chicago. $115.87, including Insurance $4.50, Pullman $15.38 and war tax $8.25.

Friday 18.
Swept snow off canyon steps. About 6 inches. Off for New York at 1 B.M. on Los Angeles limited. Train hour late on account snow. During afternoon discussion with Jew doctors on polygamy. They acknowledged that the Mormon plan as taught by Joseph Smith the best for society and perfectly legitimate.

Mondhy 21.
Reached Chiacgo yesterday 10:05 A.M. Took 20th. Century Limited to New York over New York Central, Pullman $20.09. Took walk on Lake front while waiting for train. Train made average 50 miles per hour. Arrived New York 9:40 A.M. today. Travel along the Hudson river

delightful. 978 miles from Chicago in 20 hours. Took my father from April to September 1851, to go about the same distance from Missouri river to Salt Lake by ox team.. Full distance to New York about 3500 miles. Made average of 38 miles per hour not counting stops.

Met Gustaveson who had just arrived from Paris, prepared to organize FrancO-Utah Oil Co. We visited a demonstration of a Phono-Kinema machine where the voice and action in a moving picture was perfectly reproduced. Harry Louder, Secretary of Agriculture Davis and others were on the screen. Also Irving Cobb. A wonderful invention! Attended Hippodrome, after which spent evening until early in morning at Little Club Cabarette with Gustaveson and Eardley, and witnessed a New York night life, which was as disgusting as it is damning to the souls of the sons and daughters of Zion, (land of Joseph)

Tuesday 22.
Met Hon. Horace Greely Knowles, and arranged to go to Wilmington tomorrow to organize Company. He acting on behalf of Simon. In evening attended Harris Theatre-Six Cylinder Love, a very catchy play. Spent day sight-seeing.

Wednesday 23.
Took 8:10 A.M. Pennsylvania train to Wilmington Deleware, passing under the Hudson, through Trenton, Newark, Philadelphia and passing over the famous Deleware and Brandy wine rivers. At Deleware we organized the Franco-Utah OilCo. in accordance with agreement with European syndicate, for $5000,000. Returning saw "Greenwich Village Follies" at Shubert Theatre. Left on 12 midnight New Haven Ry. for Boston to visit with Neil.

Thursday 24.
Arrived at Boston at 7 A.M. and went to Neil's home at Cambridge where I met Neil and his beautiful wife and child; also his mother-in-law, all of whom made me very welcome. Home at 173 Hancock St. in Apt. House. Very comfortable. Visited grounds of Harvard University also Charles River. Snowing at Cambridge first of season. Distance New York to Boston 200 miles. Boston proper about 800,000 people. Cambridge about 100,000, and no news paper. A school town.

Friday 25.
Sight-seeing with Neil.
Visited Massachusettes Institute of Technolog known as the Boston Tech., facing on St.Charle River. Attended class in Naval Architecture with Neil. Heard lecture from Prof. Jack, an Englishman employed by the Government. Had long talk with him after the lecture. Went through material testing department, model room and drafting room. The Gov't. allows 5% of each naval class to take "higher learning" in Boston Tech. Neil one of 20 from his class.
In afternoon visited ship yards at Boston. Went on Florida, Sister ship to Utah. Went from stern to topmast, including boiler and engine rooms, gun turret &c., A most wonderful experience! Chain ~~xxks~~ links holding anchor weigh 105 pounds each. Anchor 10 ton. Ship in dry dock for repairs.

Visited "Old Constitution" or "Ironsides." of 1812 fame. It is dry dock being preserved for inspection of future generations.

Visited "Old South" meeting house where many revolutionary meetings were held (see folder in scrap book). At night attended vaudeville at Keith's theatre with Neil and Ruth. A most beautiful day with weather ideal.

Saturday 26.
Raining in afternoon. Took ride on "rubber neck" wagon over the narrow roads of Boston. Saw Bunkerhill monument. Point where Paul Revere awaited the signal. North Church where the signal was given. Home of Paul Revere. Boston Commons.. Oldest sub-way in U.S. Took cars ride and delightful walk over residential part of city. Also through "Little Italy" the poor quarters of Boston. Visited State House, and at night took Ruth and Neil to see Ottis Skinner in Blood and Sand, at Hollis St. Theatre. Saw the saturday crowds on Washington Ave at noon. A seething, moving mass of humanity. Very narrow walks and streets.

Sunday 27.
Snowing and raining all day.
Attended Sunday School at Methodist Church with Neil. Heard a talk from a Japanese Christian on Japanese attitude on the Far East question. His name is Ewamato. Atten ding the Harvard University. His father was a Christian before him.
Spent afternoon with Neil and family quietly at home. Am strongly impressed with the big fight Neil has made and his clean life. He is careful and constant in his work at School and at home. Devoted husband and father. Especially careful in his financial matters, avoiding debt and extravagence?

Monday 28.
Took an affectionate farewell from Neil and family and returned to New York on New York, New Haven and Hartford Ry. via shore line, passing through Providence and Kingston R.I. and New London, Hartford, New Haven, Waterbury, Bridge Port, Connecticut. Day stormy and foggy.
Met Dave at Waldorf. We visited south end of New York where the Hudson and East rivers converge. Saw Statute of Liberty, Aquarium and many points of interest. Went to top of Woolworth building 60 stories.

Tuesday 29.
Rode up 5th. Avenue by Central Park with Dave and two story Buss. Spent some time in the beautiful park.. Saw Dave off for Chicago on 11:05 train. Lunched with Barr and with him visited the Zoo at the Bronx park. Said to be the greatest collection of all kinds of animals in the world. From the tiniest and most beautiful bird to three ton elephant. Saw "Sally" with kik Barr at New Amsterdam theatre at night.

Wednesday 30.
Accompanied by Barr took in lower East Side and China Town. Also another trip to the Equarium. Attended services at Trinity Church at noon and went through old grave yard where so many noted personages were buried, among them Watt, Fulton, Alexander Hamilton. Church and cemetery completely surrounded by frenzied business. Saw statute of Horace Greely and Nathan Hale, the later of revolutionary fame who, before execution said, "My only regret is that I only have one life to give to my country." Walked to Brooklyn over the Brooklyn bridge, which cost to build $15,000,000..6015 ft. long Center span 135 ft. above river. 85 ft. wide.. Manhatten bridge to the north cost $36,000,000., and Queensbourough bridge to north of that cost $17,900,000. Took buss up Riverside drive along the Hudson, past Grant's tomb. Went in U.S. Customs house and old post office in lower district. Attended "Thank You" drama in Longacre Theatre.

Thursday December 1.
Started early with Barr. Went to Central Park. Statute Daniel Webster and Alexander Hamilton. Also Cleapatra's needle. Metropolitan Meusium of Art and New York Historical Society.

Friday 2.
Left New York on 12:30 P.M. Baltimore and Ohio train, arriving at Washington D.C. at 5:15, passing through Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore, 227 miles. Stopped at the New Willard. Attended vaudeville show in B.F. Keith's theatre. Pres. Harding and wife were in attendance. Great demonstration as they entered and left the house.

Saturday 3.
Saw Governor William Spry, General Land Commissioner at Dept. of Interior Bldg. Arrange an appeal of my land case against Spaett, also arranged for extension of time on the C.A.Quigley permit at San Rafel. Spent pleasant half hour with Senator Smoot. Also met Leslie Taylor, son of Frank Y. Taylor, who marries a Virginia girl tomorrow. Attended play, "Little Old New York", at National Theatre. A splendid play. "Sea Foods" a strong leader inall resturants.

Sunday 4.
Attended L.D.S. Sunday School and meeting at 1731 I. St. Bro. Barton of Salt Lake Pres. of Branch. Among those present at meeting were Sen. Smoot, Gov. Spry, Gov. Mabie, (on his way to a convention south) J. Ruben Clark, Ray Naylor, Don B. Colton, Mrs. Wm. H. King. Was called upon to address the meeting, which I did in fear and trembling. First opportunity I have had for a long time, to address the L.D.S. Bore my testimony to the Gospel.
Snowing very hard all day. Streets sloppy. Took Blue Line buss ride around city.

Monday 5.
Spent day sight-seeing. Trip through public buildings, including the Engravings Dept. where our money, stamps, bonds, &c. are made. The Smithsonian Meusium where the Roosevelt collection is kept, and the Capital building where Congress meets tomorrow. Trip to Mt. Vernon the old home of George Washington, about 17 miles from Washington D.C., going through Alexandria, the former capitol of Virginia, and a typical southern town. Crossed the Potomac river, rising in West Virginia and empties in Chespeke Bay. Took lunch at Mt. Vernon. Returning took Electric Ry. to Annapolis, about 42 miles from Washington, arriving too late, however, to do any sight-seeing. Saw Dormontory and Bancroft Hall where Neil spent so much time.

Tuesday 6.
Visited Washington Monument and went to top in elevator. 555 feet high. Also Congressional library. Got letter from Sen. Smoot introducing D.H.Custaveson to Chas.M.Swaub, the great steel man. The Senator at first refused to give me the letter, saying he didnot consider Gustaveson straight, but said he would give me the letter. However I succeeded in changing his mind. Took 3:30 train out for Home, Broadway limited, making Chicago by 9:55 A.M., about 5 1/2 hours quick than regular time. Crossing susquehana river, and going through Baltimore, Harrisberg, Pittsb Ft.Wayne, &c.,

Friday 9.
Arrived home after pleasant trip, and the culmination of my first trip east, to New York and Washington. It was a most delightful and interesting trip, highly educational. Traveled by rail on trip 5800 miles and have now been in some 41 States of the Union. States I have not visited are Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, West Virginia, Oklahoma, North and South Dakota.
Found all well at home. At office in afternoon

Tuesday 13.
Held first Board meeting of Franco-Utah Oil Co. Elected Joseph R. Murdock, Pres. Myself Vice Pres. D.H.Custaveson, Treas. All directors.

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improved and progressed in the few years he had lived on this earth, so I believe My Heavenly father is ever progressing and improving in His management of earthly affairs. To me with my limited experience and comprehension He is perfect, but to those surrounding Him in eternity and particularly to His Father, He is not perfect but is ever progressing toward perfection. I think I can see, through reading scripture, how the Lord has improved in disciplin since the Mosaic days and now and that He is continuously growing in understanding and wisdom, thus carrying out the idea that "as man is now God once was, and as God is man may become". But as we, through the laws of eternal progress, become as God is now, by that time God will have advanced infinitely farther ahead of us so that He will still be God to us, while we are Gods to those inferior to us.

This same principle stands good with the Church. The Church was organized on principles of eternal truth, which never change, but the earthly and mortal agencies that administer the affairs of the Church make mistakes which must be corrected from time to time. These are mortal mistakes, and must be looked for, but we must also expect the Church to progress and continuously improve on its past conception of Management and interpretation of principle. In my own life time I have seen the Church change its views on vital questions several times, and many more changes will take place in the future, but the principles of the Gospel go on forever,-they cannot change no more than truth can change.

My audience was somewhat ill at ease at hearing these reflections, but the Spirit tells me that I am right.

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January 3,1922.

D. H. Gustaveson had angry altercation with Munk on his failure to make division of a few dollars received as commission on the sale of stock. He ordered him out of the office, tho he had no rxight to do so. A 10¢ offense with a million dollar punishment.

Routine at office.

January 4th,1922.

Working on allotment of stock for the Franco-Utah Oil Co..

Beautiful snow. Especially so at home of Ellis on Yale ave. Took some photographs of the canyon home clothed in winter's garb.

January 5,1922

Attended Board meeting of Gus.Oil Co. Decided to levy Assessment No.3,1 mill per share.

Also held Board meetings of Utah Con. Oil Co. and Franco-Utah Oil Co. and discussed details of proposed Iron syndicate on property acquired by Gustaveson and myself in Beaver County. Discussed with Jos.R. Murdock and Harden Bennion who signified their desire to join us.

Working on Franco-Utah Stock Allotment.

January 6,1922.

Routine at office.

January 7,1922.

Got out 135 certificates, covering 735,000 shares Franco-Utah Oil stock for respective stockholders. I received personally 132,173 shares Company portion, [illegible]

Weather very cold. Helping on the house at Yale Ave.

January 8,1922.

Spent Sundat at Yale Ave. home. Ellis Sr. and little Samuel quite sick. This cold canyon life appears too strenuous on the folks.

Mon. Jan.9,1922

Routine at office.
Mrs. D.H.Gustaveson very sick and taken to hospital.

Tues.Jan.10,1922

Seemed to get dose of ptomain poison from something eaten. Left office at noon and at Dale home in bed.

Wed. Jan.11 1922

In bed nearly all day. Improving. Very weak.

Thurs.Jan.12,1922

Back to office part of day.

Fri.Jan.13,1922.

Very busy at office. Got Pres.Murdock's signature on Franco-Utah Oil stock.

Sat.Jan.14 1922

Assisting Mr. Bassett, the bookkeeper to get accounts in shape for Gus.Oil Co. for 1921.

Sun. Jan.15,1922.

At Yale helping with the indisposed family.

Mon. Jan.16.

Routine at office. Consulted B.W.Musser, Attorney about account owing to Gus. & myself by C.A.Quigley and the Reserve Oil Co. They are owing us over $5000. and trying to get out of paying it.

At Dale in the evening until about 11 P.M. when Mary called saying her mother at the Farm was very sick. I hurried down. The Doctor had given her some opiates to induce sleep. "Gall stones" is trouble according to physician.

1922

Sat up with her all night

Tues. Jan.17.

Mame better but still confined to bed. Heavy snow storm.

Busy getting out stock to Gus.Oil Co. stockholders which was left here over a year ago to participate in the proposed sale.

Wed. Jan.18.

At office all days. Said to be coldest day thus far of the year.

Thursday 19.

Ellis met with serious accident driving her car on Redwood road in South Jordan. Was crouded off the pavement by beet wagon and ran headlong into a telegraph pole. Cut bad gash in her head. Went down and brought her home, with Olea and her children, for whom Ellis was going, visiting at Augusta's (Trunnell) $50. damage to Auto.

Friday 20.

Extremely cold. Remained at home with Ellis all day. Some better.

Sat.21.

Sold 10,000 shares Utah Con.oil stock for$100. Paid 10¢ per share for it. But children must have bead and butter.

Ellis still confined to her bed, but better.

Sunday 22.

At Yale Ave. all day nursing the sick.

Monday 23.

Routine at office. D.H.Gustaveson quite sick at home.

Tuesday 24.

Had Harden Bennion sign Franco-Utah stock.
Cleaning up correspondence at office.
Took Ellis and Oleq to Floradora at Paramount Empress.

Water froze up at Yale Ave. Very cold.

Sold 3000 shares Utah Con. Oil stock $30.

Spent last evening with Mother and Blanche, Burton and Barr at home of Jno. C. Howard. Had delightful time. Mother is heavenly sweet, staunch and true. O, that her children could all follow after her.

Wednesday 25

Routine at office.
In afternoon took Grandma Shipp, Olea and Ellis including Sam and Olea's children, to picture show at "Gem". Sam was delighted and was the whole show for me.

Thursday 26

At last got pipes thawed out at Yale so folks could get water.

Doctor took stich out of Ellis' head. Wound healed nicely.

Routine at office.

Friday 27

Beautiful day. Like spring.
Made examination of Quigley's books and found he had paid himself over $3000. instead of paying us money we had loaned him. We are contemplating suit.

Saturday 28

Took up Quigley case with Burt who is looking into legal phase.
Worked at office until 6 P.M. finishing up sending stock to stockholders which had been left for sale.

Sunday 29.

Took clothing which Ellis borrowed at the time of her accident, back to Augusta's. Also took Joseph and Ruth at Stake House to Priesthood meeting, and in evening had Ruth and Geneva and Roseann at the Yale home visiting.

Monday 30

Routine at office.
Took Ellis and Olea and children to dancing entertainment at Christensen's. Lucile performed with her class.

Strong east wind and snowing during night.

Tuesday 31.

Olea return to home in Idaho.
Ellis got her car from shop, repaired from result of accident.

Heavy blizzard about 5 P.M. followed by steady snow storm.

February 1922.

Wednesday 1.

Routine at office.

Thursday 2.

Very busy at office getting D.H. Gustaveson ready for New York trip.

Friday 3.

Routine at office.
Had unpleasant altercation with D.H.G. about money matters. He refused to let the company pay me money while he himself was taking money for personal use, which was owing him. Told him if he persisted I would leave. He returned the money to Treasury. But his "hollering" was very unpleasant and I am not sure that we can work together much longer because of his overbearing manner.

February 1922

Saturday 4.

Busy taking in assessments. We have over 1200 stockholders paying assessments amounting all the way from 10¢ up. It is an awful job to keep everything straight with the poor office help we have.

Sunday 5.

Helpting on Yale home so we can get in. Heavy snow, about 8 inches.

Monday 6 -Tued.7

Routine at office.

Wed. 8

Took Yale kiddies to "American" to see "My Boy", stared by Jackie Coogan. Splendid play.

Thur. & Fri. 9-10

Routine at office.
Mame quite sick again at farm. Helping nursing her.

Saturday 11

D.H.Gustaveson off for New York. Before leaving urged me to let Pembroke have Temple City I.Co.stock at 33 1/3¢ per share for the furniture bill we owed. I didnot wish to do it as the stock is worth at least $1/00 per share and I dont want control to get out of our hands while I hold stock in the Company. As it is now it takes two out of the three of us to control-Munk and Gustaveson or Munk and I and Gustaveson and I. So long as this is the case I have no fear.

Sunday 12

Spent day at Farm and at Yale home.

Yesterday evening took Farm kiddies-6-of them to see Jackie Coogan at American

Monday February 13,19

Munk had a talk with Mr. Pembroke about bill for office furniture owing by Temple City Investment Co. Pembroke stated that D. H. Gustaveson offered him stock at a price considerably below 33 1/3¢ per share in T.C.I.Co. and offered, as soon as it was issued to him, to purchase it and take it off his hands. Before leaving for New York Saturday D.H.G., mentioned the matter to me and advised that we let Prmbroke have stock for his bill at 33⅓¢ per share. He said no one will want to buy it and we can buy it back later and in mean time have the use of the money.

Did D. H. G. figure on having the stock which is normally worth from $1. to $2. per share issued to Pembroke at 33⅓¢ per share, and then buying it off him for that amount and thereby get control of the company? His actions and attitude of late have been peculiar to say the least.

Sold 2000 shares Utah Con.Oil Stock at one cent per share,-worth at least 5¢- in order to buy a few things for the kiddies to eat. Money is fearfully tight. I am property poor, and it is almost impossible to raise a cent without great sacrifice.

Got signature of Jos.R.Murdock to Hibbard stock and mailed same to Mr.Hibbard.

Ellis quite sick, with threatened miscarriag resulting undoubtedlyfrom her automobile accident some weeks ago.

Am having my share of it too. For the last few months wherever I go there is complaint of "not feeling well." I havent had a decent sleep for weeks. But what of it, my counscience is quite clear and I have a grateful heart for all the blessings of the Lord that are within my power of comprehension. I know I get more than I desire, and I try to deserve all I get too.

Tuesday Feb.14,1932.

Spent day on routine work at office. Wife Ellis very sick all day and night. Lucile's birthday-8 years old. The children got a large number of valentines.

Wednesday Feb.15,1932.

Ellis very sick. Got Grandma Shipp to come and help and took Olea's two children who are stopping with Grandma to Nellies and then to the farm.

At office, preparing letter for sale of Franco-Utah Oil stock.

Thursday Feb.16,1932.

Finished preparing letter and statement of holdings for sale of Franco-Utah oil stock we are offering to Gus. Oil Co. stockholders. Took matter up with Secretary Harden Bennion as to the question of the effect such an offering might have on the Company's trying to raise funds. He could see no objection to our going ahead.

Somewhat warmer but considerable snow Yet. What a relief it will be to have warmer and settled weather. Am buying a ton of coal a week for the Yale Ave. people (used in the two homes there) Four ton per month at the Dale. The Farm uses about the same. Its some job, taking care of about 25 people during these times of scarcity of money and high prices, tho the prices are coming down some on account of so many bankrupt sales going on.

Friday Feb.17,1932.

Routine at office. Prepared list (corrected) for Western Mineral Reserve, as we have decided to continue sending the paper to the stockholders for another month for about 18,000 shares of our stock.

Somewhat warmer with some snow.

Munk at home sick until noon.

Saturday 18.

Spent all forenoon checking up L.D. Goldberg's stock in Gus.Oil Co.

Some snow during day
Accompanied Ruth to Basket ball game of L.D.S. vs. East High at the Deseret Gym. L.D.S. victors as has been the case in every game this season. They have qualified for the State game.

Sunday 19.

At the Dale and Yale homes. Took Ruth, Bertha and their friends to Stake House, S.S.Union Ellis still bedfast. She arranged for the planting of lawn, moving and trimming trees $200. in oil stock at 10¢.

Monday 20.

Routine at the office. Weather moderate.

Tuesday 21.

Finished posting up assessment payments. Put Automobile in paint shop. Beacuse of dull season they offer to grind valves, take out squeeks and rattles and do first class paint job for $45. which is about 2/3 of regular price. As I may have to sell the "boat" to help out in the homes I have decided to have it put in shape to command its value.
A terific wind storm came up in evening followed by snow. Wind from south.

Wednesday
Tuesday 22.

Heavy snow storm during night and forenoon. Cleared up toward evening and warmer.

Working on list to send out inviting Gus. Oil Co. stockholders to join with Franco-Utah Oil Co. Also working on assessment list.

Thursday
Wednesday 23

Getting out 200 letters to stockholders Gustaveson Oil Co. inviting them to purchase Franco-Utah stock at 20¢, the price paid by ourselves in cash.

Day quite warm and pleasant.
P.W.Madsen ,Pres.Western Loan and Bldg.Co. died of heart failure.

Friday
Thursday 24.

Snow part of day.
Carried wife Ellis up 67 steps from the canyon cottage to see the new home. Her first trip out of house for about two weeks.

Getting out delinquent list of Gus.O. Co. stockholders for publication.

Saturday 25

Working on delinquent stockholders list. Mr. and Mrs. Wombacher,stockholders from Proctor, Minn. enroute to California,called and spent an hour.

Sunday 26

Snow about 6 inches. Thaw in afternoon.

Monday 27.
Finished delinquent list of Gus.Oil Co. About 300 names on it.

Begun blowing very strong during night until we had a fearful gale by morning almost blowing the children out of bed at the Yale canyon home. Intensely cold all day. No school. Street car traffic on the bench seriously affected. In about half hours time in afternoon our water froze up at Yale. Thawed it out in evening.

Tuesday 28.

Very busy cleaning up certain items on our delinquent list. Took Theo. Tobiason's note for 137,000 shares asst.1 & 2. He is in very hard straits and I cannot bear to sell him out unless I am forced to.

Got following wire from D.H.Gustaveson,N.Y.
"Get hold of Thomas from Wales. Get him to get option in my name on coal property Ferron canyon one year best terms possible. Dont delay Perrine trying to tie it up We both have sale for this property and others Swaub postponed appointment again until tomorrow."

After working all day located Thomas in Salt Lake living with his son and have appointment with him for morning. He was away from home and couldnot see him until morning.

Wife Ellis in town first time for two or three weeks since her last sickness. accompanied her to the Paramount-Empress for a few minutes diversion.

Wind very strong during morning and very cold. 10 above zero at Yale cabin. Warmer in afternoon.

Wednesday 1.
Spent forenoon comparing delinquent list with stock ledger and in conference with H. R.Thomas on question of coal option in Ferron canyon. Arranged to meet he and one of the other owners from Manti tomorrow morning at 9:30.
Busy in afternoon getting Olsen assessment fixed up, also M.H.Gustaveson, Weyler and others. Made final corrections for Western Mineral Survey.

Wind has subsided and the day is somewhat warmer,but still cold.

Thursday 2.
Got wire from Dave asking for $300. as he m must remain there for another ten days to see head of Bethlehem Steel Works. Got Jos, R. Murdock to advance it until D.H.C. returns and we can decide where the expense should be placed.

Had conference with P.P.Dyring and H.R.Thomas regarding option on their Ferron coal lands. They suggest as a tentative offer which they think their associates at Manti will accept: 1520 acres,at $50. per acre. $1.00 per acre cash by June 1st. balance in two equal payments in thirty and sixty days. Wired Gustaveson to this effect.

Pipes at Yale froze up again last night through carelessness of children and I spent nearly all the afternoon thawing them out,working at office until 7:30 cleaning up matters.

Friday 3.
Routine at office. Day slightly warmer. Attended Pantages in P.M. with Mr.Munk. Mrs. Gustaveson quite sick. Visited her and left her $50. on her husband's account.

Saturday 4.
Thank God for the common people. I missed my car in mill creek this morning. As I walked north on State a dozen automobiles passed me like lightning never offering me a "lift". But there came along an old man driving a horse with a light wagon. He stopped and politely invited me to ride. Again,thank God for the common people. They are the salt of the earth.

Forenoon routine at office and spent afternoon working on personal income tax return to the Government. Reported earnings for the year 1921 $7237.81 and deductions provided by law of $9595.33, which included $400. for each of 16 children and $2500. by reason of being a married man.

Sunday 5th.
Helping at Yale trying to get house ready to move into. Miss Ware and her assistants begun work of decorating amusement room.

Monday 6.
Spent nearly day at the Yale home. In turning on the water which had been off for several days,found several frozen pipes up stairs and considerable trouble otherwise.

Had a conference with H.R.Thomas of Wales on subject of Ferron canyon coal option. Decided to go to Manti Wednesday,to confer with other owners with a view to getting a signed option as per Gustaveson's request.

March 1922

Tuesday 7.
Spent forenoon at Hal's home getting heating system in shape. Electrical Assn. have decided to use the home for an electrical exhibit commencing about April 1st. It will be shown as an "Ideal American Home," as it is, a wonderful monument to the intelligence and preserverance of a wonderful "Mormon" woman, who was not afraid to put her hand to the plow to help her husband solve the many problems of a plural marriage life.

Afternoon at office cleaning up desk and answering stockholders of Gus. Oil Co.

Wednesday 8.

Took 10:30 D&R.G. train for Manti arriving at 4: P.M. Roads in Sanpete County very bad - practically impassable. Met With owners of 1520 acres of Coal Land known as the Freem property. Secured an option from them for 16.000.00 2000.00 by June 1-1922. Bal. 1/2 by Dec. 1-1922 & 1/2 June 1-1923. The option obtained at request of D.H. Gustaveson now in New York.
Manti 126 miles from Salt Lake. Elev. 5530.

This happens to be my 50th birthday. Much has transpired during fifty years. The world is growing faster. As a lad I watched the historic movements of an ox team with great amusement, and now we flit back and forth from town to town and from State to State by auto. almost as a butterfly going from flower to flower - 40-50-60 miles an hour, and we are now adopting flying. The daily Air Mail passes over our home every morning about 8 oclock headed East. Our messages to New York used to be dispatched by "Pony Express", taking weeks for a return answer. Now the Telegraph brings a reply even from across the water in a few hours, and we get instantaneous service by Phone with all parts of the United States.

As a lad it was a treat to attend the theatre two or three times a year, Now for 5 or 10¢ we can go at almost any hour during every day of the year, and witness Star performances.

I remember the flint lock musket and the powder and shot horn - Now guns shoot 75 miles to kill and war is being conducted from the air and from the floor of the ocean more than on land, with fire smoke, gas and terrible explosives, when 50 years ago men stood face to face with sword and musket.

I have read by the light of pine knots, tallow dip and the homely tallow candle - then the more up to date kerosene lamp - Now we touch a button and turn night into day - do our washing, cooking and heating by the electric current generated by the mountain streams that used to work havoc in the settlements during the spring thaws. And even this agency is not deemed sufficien we now are receiving the current from the air and have begun solving the secrets of [illegible].

Our food comes from all parts of the world. My hat was made in Scotland and the silk in my dress came from Japan, while the dye stuff in my clothes came from Germany, while the wool came from the United States and Australia.

Paper from tree to the published Magazine has been made in 24 hours.

In my youth Men were mobbed and killed for their belief in a personal God and now tolerance on all sides is the habit. Witches were burnt at the stake — now they are sought for information. It took my father weeks and weeks to travel 1000 miles from the Missouri river to Utah and took me less than 3 days to go from Utah to New York — 2500 miles.

And there it goes. The list is endless. Just now men are striving to overcome gravity by making an airplane stand still in the air and Edison is endeavoring to communicate with the Spirit world by use of a contrivance he has invented.

And yet the more men learn, it would seem the greater the crime wave — the greater the pride and vanity. Humility is fast vanishing. And in all the boasted culture and advancement, the boasted Christianity and brotherly love, when the 1914 War broke out, in an hour, so to speak, mankind became roaring ravenous, literal beasts, below, in crime and sin and brutality, the beasts of the jungle. I doubt such crimes as were committed in the name [illegible]

And since that terrible war, what? The crime wave has increased by terrible volume until today murder, suicide and human carnage is almost as common among men beasts, as among the animals of the wilds where they kill to eat. Robbery and all kinds of sin is on the increase.

Because of the wickedness of man, "Peace has been taken from the earth, and the devil is having power over his own dominion." The sons and daughters of Zion are being steeped in sin and the Lord is bringing His work to a close in order to save the few who are trying to serve him. We are visited with wars, pestilence, famines, earthquakes, and all the devastating forces of nature. But few will be spared when the Lord winds up His work, and only those who sit in holy places.

The scoffer may scorn and the fair daughter continue seeking her beautified pleasure, but the end is nigh at hand that Isaiah spoke of pertaining to the purification of the daughters of Zion.

People are now crying - "Peace peace"! but there shall be no peace. Even the hearts of the children are turned against their parents and parents against children and the whole world is in a terrible confusion - the blind trying to lead the blind. Religion is commercialized - God is mocked, Virtue outraged, sin exalted and the great winding up scene is nearing.

My own life has been filled with adventure and events. Religiously I have held responsible positions in six different stakes in Zion and have preached the Gospel in many of the States of the Union, and have had charge of the East Indian mission from home. I have championed Mormonism from my cradle. Have accepted the revelations of Joseph Smith on the subject of Celestial and Plural marriage - almost I may say alone against the body of the Church and in opposition of the laws of my country, and now I find myself expelled from the Church and a natural outcast from its functions and benefits! Strange but true, And yet my heart is filled with gratitude for my three living wives and my 19 beautiful Children. O, how I praise God for His most wonderful blessings and how thankful I am that the invitation came to me as a young man, 30 years ago, from heaven in Israel to embrace the principle of Plural Marriage. I was assured it was of God and that His blessings would follow the law's acceptance. God has blessed me wonderfully - My wives are all splendid intellectual, charming women, one of them being a graduate of the Columbia University of New York. One of my sons filled a 4 1/2 years mission in the Hawaiian Islands, Another is completing a course under Gov't supervision in the Boston Tech. in Naval Architecture and Construction, two daughters are at the University of Utah, three in High School, seven in the grade schools. I have three grand children, and what's more my children all seem to love me and stand by me, and at the same time most of them are active in the Church! God be praised for such wonderful blessings and may I live to more thoroughly merit His goodness day by day. The storm and strife will one day be over and we will all be united to a Just God.

Financially I have had my ups and downs. Married first on 40^{00} per Month - then 100^{00} and then 125^{00}. Left a salaried job in Salt Lake to assist in Church Work in Wasatch Stake in about 1900. Pres. Smart, whom I went to assist, had promised substantial financial opportunity in connection with his business. The business did not materialize and I found myself back in Salt Lake on a salary of 200^{00} per Mo. as Chief Clerk in Utah Light & Ry. Co. and Asst. Secy. About 1905 I bid farewell to a salaried position and started out by promoting an oil Company, also a Company for the handling of a Sugar device, both of which proved successful and are now paying dividends, but neither of which I was able to stay with because of the necessity of selling my stock to obtain the necessary funds to support my family. I then entered the real estate business and in 1914 had business assets amounting to about 50.000^{00} The war came on and in six months my assets were swept away and I owed nearly 50.000^{00}. I was bankrupt - lost my Forest Dale home and was on the rocks. People seemed to kick me down further at every opportunity. I struggled and agonized, going from one thing to another. At this time My wife Ellis rolled up her sleeves and began to assist me get out from under. Mary and her children were working on the farm, practically self sustaining and Lorraine and Ruth helped at the Dale (Joseph was on a mission and Neil in the Navy) The Church assisted to the tune of 75^{00} per Mo. for six months, and with Ellis's help I finally swung clear, so now I have paid practically all my old debts and am better off than ever before in assets that have been accumulated. We reclaimed

It has been [illegible] and more than my strength could have [illegible] for the help of my [illegible] when God was kind enough to give me.

And now at 50. About half my life. With all the hard knocks and experience I have had I ought to accomplish something worth while in the next 50 years. I am going to try. I am not suited to a commercial life - Dont like it. I dislike scheming and sweating for the almighty dollar. My ambitions are -

1st To serve my Maker in whose charge I am and to whom I owe all I am or ever expect to be.

2nd To spend the balance of my life, so far as possible in journalistic work fighting for the social reclamation of God's sons and daughters, and

3rd To look after the Temple work for my relations and friends who need my services

And to accomplish these things or such other lines as the Lord may require of me, I am pledging the best that is in me. My business matters I want to get in shape as quickly as possible so as to do the bigger thing.

My one anxiety is the inharmony of my family. My wife Rose is not friendly with my other families. She cannot accept Plural Marriage and antagonizes my efforts to live it. My folks wanted to have some kind of celebration of my 50th birthday, but since Rose declined to join I didnt feel like going ahead, for fearing to be away from home on business. If I can, thru the help of the Lord correct this trouble I shall then be supremely happy.

May God help me to make the remainder of my life useful in His service and with such measure of success that at the end it may be said of me, "Well done thou good and faithful servant enter into my rest" and may I enter into that rest in the only logical way - with every member of my family at my side.

Thursday 9.

After preparing the Fesson Coal option got 12 of the 13 owners to sign it and took 12:15 P.M. train for home.

But how often does a fellow want to be alone with his thoughts, and some one insists on taking his attention. One of our friends invited himself to share my seat, and claimed all my time. I only released myself by stopping off at Provo to see Bro. J. R. Murdock only to find that he was in Salt Lake but expecting home this evening. I concluded to stop and have one more evening to myself to read, think and plan. Am reading the "Trial and death of Socrates." What a glorious death he met in defense of righteousness as God gave him vision to see. Ignorance killed his body, but his soul lived to vex the ignorant and arrogant for all time.

Friday 10.
Talked with Sister Jos.R.Murdock over phone and ascertained her husband still in Salt Lake. She told me she has 40 living grandchildren and one dead. She is a wonderful woman; looks like about 45 and as sweet and womanly as can be found.

Returned to Salt Lake and met Jos.R.Murdock. Got $300. from him for Gustaveson to use in New York.

Looked up description to Ferron coal lands in Land Office and sent option to Thomas to be signed.

Found folks had moved in new home at Yale, due to a fright they had by some men trying to brake into the canyon home Wednesday evening. They have no blinds, stove or any way of preparing a meal.

Saturday 11.
Spent forenoon at Yale home and afternoon helping Bassett with Gas. Oil books.

Sunday 12.
Attended special meeting held at home of Brother Baldwin in East Mill Creek, and attended generally by those in sympathy with plural marriage. Nearly two hundred people were present, yound and old. Among the speakers were Patriarch Brown of Waterloo, D.R. Bateman of West Jordan, John and Israel Barlow, W.D.Livingston, Bro.Burt and a number of others. The meeting lasted about six hours. (Heber Bennion and Bro. Hall from Springville) also spoke. All the speakers manifested a real live spirit and an unshaken faith in the Gospel. There was no spirit of complaining or criticism, but the feeling prevailedthat great and momentious things are about to transpire.

Brother Bateman related his experience in the presence of the late President John Taylor while in hiding in Davis County. He (Bateman) was a guard and stableman and was frequently in close relationship with Pres. Taylor. He said a "manifesto" similar to the one finally signed by Pres. Woodruff, was urged upon Pres. Taylor by George Q.Cannon, John T. Caine, By. Hyrum Clawson and others. That on the night of Sept..26-27 1886 John Taylor received two visitations from the Prophet Joseph Smith and one from Jesus Christ, and he received the revelation which follows below. Pres. Taylor came out of his room and seemed suspende about four feet above the floor, and his face was so radiant with light that he (Bateman) could scarcely look upon him for brightness. He said "I will suffer this right arm to be severed from my body;-sanction it? never! I'd suffer my tongue to be torn from the roof of my mouth before doing such a thing." President Taylor further said the day will come when your brethren will handle you for trying to serve the Lord and keep His commandments for which we are in hiding today. He said the time would come when half the people would apostatize over this principle, and "I am not sure but that one half of the remaining half will also apostatize."

If by apostacy is meant. the going back on a divine principle, I should say that practicall one half have already done so, and surely many more will before the end comes.

Bro. Bateman told of Pres. Woodruff making the remark after the Manifesto was signed, that "the year never has been nor never would be, since the revelation on plural marriage was given, when children would not be born in this order."

REVELATION TO PRES.JOHN TAYLOR SEPT.27-1886.

My son John, you have asked me concerning the New and Everlasting Covenant and how far it is binding upon my people; thus ~~saith the~~ saith the Lord, ALL COMMANDMENTS that I give must be observed by those calling themselves by my name unless they are revoked by me or by my authority; and how can I revoke an everlasting covenant, for I the Lord am everlasting and my everlasting covenants cannot be abrogated nor done away with, BUT THEY STAND FOREVER. Have I not given my word in great plainness on this subject, yet have not great numbers of my people been negligent in the observance of my law and the keeping of my commandments, and yet have I borne with them these many years and this beacuse of their weakness- because of the perilous times,and further more: It is more pleasing to me that men should use their free agency in regard to these matters; nevertheless, I the Lord donot change and my word and my covenants and my law donot, and as I have heretofore said by my servant Joseph, all those who would enter into MY GLORY MUST AND SHALL OBEY MY LAW. And have I not commanded men, that if they were Abraham's seed and would enter into my glory they must do the works of Abraham. I HAVE NOT REVOKED THIS LAW, NOR WILL I, for it is everlasting and THOSE WHO WILL ENTER INTO MY GLORY MUST OBEY THE CONDITIONS THEREOF. Even so Amen.

Wife Ellis was at the meeting with me. She enjoyed it. I would that all my folks had been there.

Monday 13.
Making out corporation income tax reports for Government covering Gus.Oil Co. United Standard Oil Co.,Utah Con. Oil Co. and Carbon Emery Oil and Gas Co.

Driller Stainbrook came in from Denver prepared to begin drilling when weather will permit.

Got out letter to Uintah Syndicate of Paris for Pres. Murdock, answering them on the proposition of advancing Simon $2000. for expenses to America.

Tuesday 14th.
Spent day at Yale home,helping the plumber to fix up some leaks, connect laundry stove with boiler, and clearing ice and snow away from the garage so the doors could be opened. Electrician fixed wires so we can connect with the heat and do some cooking.

Wednesday 15.
Filed income tax reports for four companies. Had conference with Jos. R. Murdock regarding Knight coal and railroad option for Gustaveson and also matters pertaining to Franco-Utah Oil Co.

Got my car out of paint shop. On account of dull season Joe.Gustaveson offered to paint it for $40. and wait thirty days,to give me time to sell it if necessary. Now it is done the job must be touched up after couple weeks running before it is finished,so I am as bad off as before.

Am awfully worried over financial situation. Busy at the office continuously and yet no money coming in to meet the many demands upon me. There seems to be little relief in sight.

Thursday 16.
Working on books of Utah Consolidated Oil Co. and Temple City Investment Co. Got out notice to stockholders of Utah Con. of meeting scheduled for April 8th, at 4 P.M. Having same printed for mailing.

Friday 17.
Working on Utah Consolidated stock book. Finished posting. Also on books of Temple City Investment Co. opening same up. Munk and Stenographer bringing delinquent list to date

and mailing notice of stockholders' meeting to Utah Consolidated Oil Co. stockholders.

Weather somewhat unsettled but quite pleasant.

Saturday 18.

Posted up stock Temple City Inv.Co.
Got off 340 notices to stockholders in Utah Consolidated Oil Co.
Finished checking up delinquent list of Gus. Oil Co. for sale Monday.

Sunday 19.
At farm last evening. Beautiful weather today. Attended meeting with "fellow sufferers" in plural marriage, at Dr Gamble's, Forest Dale. About 25 present. Excellent spirit. Everyone felt under obligation to sustain the present Authorities and patiently await the Lord's pleasure in all things. All rejoiced in the Gospel. I bore strong testimony regarding Celestial marriage and the United Order.

Monday 20.
A beautiful spring day. Grass growing and birds singing.

Held sale of delinquent stock in Gus.Oil Co. Sold approximately 160,000 to bidders for assessment and costs and 532,000 to Company on which no bid was offered.

Tuesday 21.
Spent forenoon at Yale Home helping to get ready for U. of U. students whom Ellis is endeavoring to have rent some of the house to help pay running expenses.

Held meeting with officers of Carbon Emery Gas and Oil Co. and called regular directors meeting for Saturday to pass upon a drilling contract.
Wife Mary's birthday. Spent evening at Farm.

Received a long letter from my dear precious son Neil, in which he very bitterly criticise my course in family matters, my treatment of his mother, and announces the fact that he has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for three years. I am wounded to the heart. He has been such a wonderful son and a comfort to me. What will the en be? Banished by my Church, financially distressed, eighteen members of my family depending upon my efforts for a living, and now my children chiding me and blaming me for all the trouble that has come to me! My God, am I right or wrong? Thou knowest I have sought thy guidance and have sacrificed all in my devotion to the Gospel. What shall I do Do thou be my guide and help me over the stony road and bring my children back to me and help us all to see alike and to accept thee as their guide. Keep Neil's heart from growing so hard that it cannot be softened and help us all to be virtuous, honest and to abide thy day.

Wednesday 22.
Spent day working on financial statement for stockholders of Gus.Oil Co.

Thursday 23.
Spent day Home working on Yale residence with carpenter and plasterer. Put priming coat of paint on garage.

Inspector Hanes of U.S.Revenue office examine books of Gus.Oil Co. Utah Con.oil Co: Franco-Utah Oil Co. and Temple City Investment Co. Was in frequent consultation with him over phone.

Friday 24.
Sold 3000 shares Utah Con.stock at 1¢, worth 10¢, but had to have the money for home purposes.

D.H.Gustaveson arrived home from [illegible]

He appears very hopeful of success in putting over iron and coal deal. Spent afternoon with him going over matters.

Saturday 25.
Lorraine quite sick at home yesterday and today. Sore throat and cold.

Assisting Hanes U.S.Internal Revenue Inspector with books. He asked me to write him letter stating books were in shape so far as revenue is concerned,and he would take my word on same.

Held board meeting with Carbon Emery Oil & Gas Co. who authorized a drilling contract on 1000 acres in Emery and Carbon Co. on 1/8 royalty.

Gustaveson invited Munk and I to join with him in promoting some Nevada mining property with Geo. Halliday, by putting in our part of promotion money. Said he would have to raise money by borrowing to cover his share. We declined the invitation and gave him our blessing.

Mr. Quigley and Reserve Oil Co. of Utah moved from Oil Villa to Clift Bldg. He promised Dave and I he would pay us what he isowing as soon as he can get the money and before he repays any of his stockholders, which latter he also feels under obligation to do.

Sunday 26.
Assisting at Yale home getting books placed in library for permanency. Evening at Dale.

Monday 27.
Snowing in morning. Pleasant in afternoon. Routine work at office.

Tuesday 28
Snowing part of day. Attended funeral of Austin M.Iverson,14 months old child,Nephew of wife Ellis. Spoke at funeral and took charge of funeral at cemetery at request of Bishop Beesely.

Wednesday 29.
Held director's meeting of Gustaveson Oil Co. and Franco-Utah Oil Co. Also informal meeting of Utah Consolidated Oil Co. and directors meeting of Temple City Inv.Co., with Jos. R. Murdock,Gustaveson,Munk and Bennion.

In our own affairs we decided as follows:

Turn the clerical work at the office over to Munk,giving him a salary of $100. per month. This will let Gustaveson and myself free to follow our separate work hereafter. Our former partnership is dissolved. We will recei a nominal salary of $50. per month from Temple City Inv.Co. for the attention we will necessarily have to give to the business,but in other respects we will each be free to follow such business as we may chose. No more divid of personal profits.

This move is one I have been praying for. For some time I have felt Gustaveson looked upon me as a burden to him,while at the same time using my every minute to help him in the details of his work. He has made slighting remarks of me,according to reports, and has assumed a selfish attitude. Now through our understanding we are both free,and a burden has been lifted from my shoulders for which I am thankful. He may from now on make more money than me for my efforts have given him the boost,but I am a free man once again, and freedom is worth all it costs.

Jos. R. Murdock purchased 1000 shares of Temple City Investment stock at 50¢,with an option on 4000 more,at which valuation my holdings in the company are worth about $9500.

Thursday 30.
Gustaveson got off for California on his coal and iron promoting scheme.

Spent day at office cleaning up routine and getting out contract for Carbon Emory Oil and Gas Co.

Friday 31.
At Farm most of day chopping apple limbs from the pruned orchard. Wood is being substituted for coal.

Attended entertainment in evening in Mill Creek ward in interest of Primary Assn. raising funds for L.D.S. Hospital. Mary, Naomi, Blanche, Precilia and Helen all took part on program. Very creditable.

Saturday April 1st.
Up at six chopping wood at farm. Spent forenoon at office on routine matters. Attended Theatre, "Return of Peter Grim" with wife Ellis, by her invitation in afternoon.

Attended birthday party of grandson Charles. Had a most delightful time. He is growing stronger and handsomer all the time. Jos. and Geneva were there with their little tot.

Monday 3rd.
Spent day at Yale, filling up old trench dug for sewer and placing brackets for curtains.

Tuesday 4.
At office, getting out financial statement for Utah Consolidated Oil Co. also sent off bond for Gustaveson to sign on his Salina canyon coal lease.

Wednesday 5.
Working on home at Yale, painting canyon cottage and cleaning up, for inspection by prospectdve renters.

Thursday 6.
Finished painting interior of cottage at Yale, and cleaning up yard in front. Ellis making herculean effort to raise money to finish paying for labor and material do date and thereby avoid liens. It is wonderful how hard she works and stands up under the strain, but the home is a part of her life; in she has put her personality to such an extent that it is really a part of her, and to think of not being able to keep it is too much.

Friday 7.
Spent day at office on books of Temple City Inv.Co. and getting out report for Government. Also details for Gus.Oil Co.

Saturday 8.
Held meeting of Board of Directors also stockholders of Utah Consolidated Oil Co. Decided to allow hhe company to be dis-incorporated under the law an d make distribution of the assets among the stockholders.

Sunday 9.
Snowing hard all day. Attended meeting at Tabernacle in morning, general conference. Speakers were Apostle Ballard and Widtsoe, Presidents S.B.Young and B.H. Roberts and Patriarch Smith. A very inspirational meeting. Stood up 2 1/2 hours.

In evening I attended meeting with wife Ellis at Brother Baldwin's in East Mill Creek ward. There were but few present, but it was a most wonderful meeting. Speakers were Loren Woolley, John Burt, Brother Bateman and Bro. Hall. Not a word was uttered calculated to destroy faith, but a wonderfully spiritual feast was given all present.

Brother Woolley occupied most of the time and related the circumstance of the rejection of the manifesto by the late President John Taylor at the home of John Woolley in Davis County. Pres. Taylor h-d told the brethren-13- in all, that the time would come when the brethren would be handled and ostrasized by their brethren for practicing the principle of the Gospel for which they were then in hiding plural marriage- but, he said, woe, woe unto those who should do such things. He said many revelations had been given the Brethren which have never been presented to the Church, nor published. One revelation explained what "abiding in my law" meant. It means the living and accepting the principle of plural marriage. A man may have a dozen wives and yet not accept the principle, and such will be rejected. If a man enter the principle, and accept it, tho his plural wife dies and he lives the balance of his life with one wife, he is abiding the law and will be rewarded accordingly.

President Taylor had told them that those who didnot abide this law were not worthy to preside among their brethren . He said he would rather be a door keeper in the Kingdom of God than to be President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day- Saints.

Brother Woolley was ordained an Elder at the age of 13, and was ordained an Apostle by President John Taylor and Geo. Q. Cannon. Stated there are more Apostles out of the Quorum of Twelve than in.

While on a mission in the Indian Territory about a year and half after death of Pres. John Taylor, he took very sick and was thot to be dying. He was visited by whom he supposed to be the Lord, Joseph Smith and John Taylor, and he was blessed by President Taylor to live and was healed immediately. These brethren were all resurrected. Later he was introducted to the Savior by Pres. Taylor, and from then on became a real Apostle, a witness of Christ,

" An Apostle is a witness *of* Christ while a Seventy is a witness *for* Christ.

He has been directed to continue teaching the principle of Plural Marriage and encourage the people who are worthy to practice the same to the end that there shall never be a time when children will not be born under this covenant.

Brother Woolley told us that we would be called to preside and hold leading positions in the Church.

He said he knew the Manifesto, beacuse he helped to make it, and cited reasons for knowing that it had not been kept by the leading authorities.

Only those who had been tried to the core were qualified to preside over their brethren.

Dream of him having fingers around one snake and his father another snake-blow snake.

Dream of leading his horse "Roudy" over a broken bridge and getting over successfully.

President Grant's position with reference to plural marriages since the Manifesto, also Bro. Ivins, Lyman and others.

The reason the Lord took his servants Apostles Merrill, Teasdale, Young, Taylor, Woodruff and others was that he could not fulfill his promises with such stalwart men in the quorum. He must have weaklings such as the quorum is partly composed of now.

Brother Woolley had been a Government official and as such had learned many things about the brethren who are now so pronounced against the principle of P.M.

There were many things that Bro. W. said that were exceedingly comforting but which I cannot write, but will try and keep in my memory forever. The meeting was a great comfort to Ellis and made many things plain to her which have heretofore been but partly understood by her.

Brother Bateman accompanied us home and spent the night with us, explaining many things and veryfying the statements of Bro. Woolley. Bro. Bateman was on the S.L.Police force in the early days and was one who detected Judge Zane and other Government officials who were prosecuting the mormons for Polygamy, guilty of immorality, and for which B.Y.Hampton, one of the brethren was put in prison.

Saturday in conversation with Jos.R.Murdock I learnt he had not purchased the stock in the Temple City Inv. Co. which we had issued to him-1000- shares, and that D.H.Gustaveson had mis-represented the facts. It looks as tho Gustaveson is scheming to acquire a control of the company.

TUESDAY (excuse the writing, it is a now machine with xxx different keys)

MONDAY 10.
Spent day at office. Borrowed $150. from Walker Brothers Bankers, Burton signing my note with me.
Snow all melted and very fine day. Got out letter to stockholders of Gus.Oil Co. Asst. No. 3

TUESDAY 11

Heavy snow storm during the night. Gustayeson returned from California.

Wednesday 12
Pleasant day. Part of day at home writing letters and part at office on routine. Filed annual corporation tax report with Internal Revenue Collector for Temple City Investment Co.

Thursday 13.
Yesterday took up financial matters with D.H.G. He was stiff and cold and would do nothing to assist me, claiming he must have every cent due on stock sales, and when I asked about the ownership of the "Cole" car, he produced a long argument to prove that it was

all his because of the expenses he had paid out in keeping it in repair, &c. I let the matter drop.

Spent most of day at Yale home writing letters on oil matters.

Friday 14
Snowing nearly all day, and during night. D.H.G. wanted me to help him with some papers on clay claims, taking certain options from Mr. Thornton. I helped him. Spent part of day at farm chopping wood, the best fun to be had.

Saturday 15.
At Yale office preparing letter to stockholders of Utah Consolidated Oil Co. Also sending out several soliciting the sale of some stock.
Everything covered with snow. Looks like a typical Christmas day.

Sunday 16.
Easter Sunday. Very heavy snow storm all morning and during last evening.

Monday 17 to Thursday 20.
Working on proposition to obtain some drilling land in San Juan and other sections of Utah.

D.H.G. objected to Munk and myself purchasing more stock in the Temple City Inv.Co., evidently fearing we would get so much he could not eventually get control. He is acting very "foxy."

Burton asked for an introduction to Bro.Baldwin of Baldwin Mfg.Co., for business purposes.

At office clearing up routine work part of today. Instructed Burton to proceed with Quigley collection, he to receive 10% of amount collected, if collection made out of court, 20% if suit is brought and 30% if it goes to the Supreme court.

April 1922

Tuesday 18 to Sunday 30.
Have spent most of time helping Ellis with some deals in connection with the Nathaniel Baldwin inventions, resulting in an agreement with W.D. Livingston, whereby he organizes a million dollar company and puts a manufacturing plant in Halliday. Among the incorporators are David A.Smith, Bp.Nibley, Lester A. Freed and Livingston. Ellis gets $10,000 worth of stock for her work.

She and I have taken options on several pieces of Halliday land with a view to turning it over on the excitement which is about to open up in consequence of the proposed factory.

Spen t last Thursday at the office cleaning up routine matters, assisting the bookkeeper &c.

On 28th, spent evening with Joseph and family celebrating the first birthday of Roseann, the sweet, fat little youngster.

MAY 1922

Monday 1. and Tuesday 2nd.
At Halliday all day taking options on land.

Wednesday 3.
At office part of day on routine work.
Ellis at Halliday working on land options.
In evening attended a meeting at the home of Bro. Christiansen near 21st. South, 9th. East. It had been arranged for the benefit of Bro. Miller and family, the former having been very six for the last three months and the only income for living came from the efforts of the wife and mother. Bro.Miller stated, (not complaingly) that during the time he had received perhaps $15. from the ward in eatables, and he has some eight or ten children at home. He has always been active and a consistent worker, and why such people are not being taken care of by the proper authorities is a mystery and, to my mind, a shame. However Bro.Baldwin had mentioned the matter to his workmen at the fa ctory and Bro.Miller was presented with something like $100. with more coming, and O, how grateful he was!

MAY 1922

The meeting was a spiritual feast. Wife Ellis was present and bore a strong testimony. I predicted that the time will come when our children will be looked up to and honored for their parents sake, and because of the manner of their birth. People will no more try and make them feel ashamed of themselves. The spirit of the Lord prevailed at the meeting and there was no feeling of criticism among those present of the authorities of the Church.

Sister Miller is the mother of 12 children, ten boys and 2 girls, and her husband has embraced the principle of plural marriage. Yet she is willing to uncomplaingly work for the support of his family, and is standing right at her husband's side without a whimper. Whst a wonderful woman she is, and what wonderful blessings will be hers in the eternities, where she will be a leader and administer for those weak sisters who are now deriding her and others like her for her manner of life. She will be exalted so high above them that they will consider it an honor to even look upon her.

Sister Barlow, also the mother of 12 children, was present. And it is these kind of women, whom the childless (or one or two child) wife are sneering at, and poking fun at. Already the daughters of Zion are polluted, many of them diseased, their hair falling out, and the prophecy of Isiah is being fulfilled so rapidly and so naturally that the people donot realize it. But the day is upon us, and woe, woe unto the pride if Israel, the proud sons and daughters of Zion to whom pleasure appeals more than sacrifice. My heart is sick already, and the troubles have just started. What will the end be? O God, please hasten thy work and bring relief to the sick and tottering world.

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Thursday 4.

Went to Goshen in Car and met C. E. Shelley. Went with him over to the Tintic Mining Country to look over some Claims owned by Rodney Shelley & Geo. Horton, which they want me to promote. Coming back looked over some land near Mosida on the Lake - Stopped with Shelley.

Friday 5.

Spent day with Shelley, also fixing up a deal on the Mining Claims.

Sat. Sunday & Monday - 6-7-8.

Storming Saturday. Remained at Goshen with Shelley looking over land near by - Sunday looked over Mining Claims with Shelley & Horton in Tintic Dist. entering into an

Same provided found conditions favorable at time. Procured to day options.

Raining hard [illegible] day. Returning in evening stopped at Springville for the night.

Tuesday 9: Returned home in rain and snow storm. Found Ellis up to ears in Work on the Baldwin Radio business. W. D. Livingston, who agreed to give her half his profits in handling the Baldwin contract, is trying to shove her off with 1/5 interest.

Bro. Baldwin purchased abt. 3 Acres of E. Mill Creek land from Ellis, paying 1700.00 for same. This is helping her in her home.

Wednesday 10.
Spent day helping Ellis in her business affairs.

Thursday 11 Spent day at office on Routine Matters. Got signatures of Jos. R. Murdock on assignment of Patents in Am. Steel Tie to Jno T. Clark the inventor, who is trying to handle same.

While away I wrote Murdock asking him to hold my check for 25.00 and deposit the amount to my a/c. Dave got wind of it & flew into 1000 pieces. Murdock reminded him that he owed the Co. 475.00, but that didn't matter. He said I was at Goshen trying to get land options to defeat the iron proposition he is working on. Such a fool. What next!

Friday 12.
Looking up tax matters for Nathaniel Baldwin, and spent afternoon with he and John T. Clark, talking over his business problems and arranging to assist him. Ellis (wife) came home from a day's work completely broken down and bedfast. For some reason she cannot be moderate. Daughter Ellis also sick in bed with what the Doctor says is Intestinal Flu, whatever that is.

Saturday 13.
Working on Bro. Baldwin's matters all day. Was called home from the farm at night because of sickness of wife Ellis.

Administered to both wife and daughter Ellis, with John T. Clark, and Ellis Jr. was healed.

Sunday 14.
Spent day at home nursing wife Ellis who is very sick. Grandma came in evening.
Also working on plan to submit to Bro. Baldwin.

Monday 15.
Working on Baldwin matters. Ellis still very sick with her throat.

Tuesday 16.
Spent part of afternoon with Bros. Clark, Baldwin, Paey of Provo and two Barlows at the Baldwin factory and listened to some wonderful testimonies from Bro. Paey regarding the hidden records and other valuables in a mound near Alpine, Utah County, land owned by his father. John T. Clark claims it has been made known to him that he is to bring the records forth. He is, according to the testimony he bears" "The most literal decendent of Jesus Christ on the earth todayI, and he also carries indial blood in his veins. It is his mission, he says, to lead the people back to Jackson County and assist the Lamanites in building the Temple. Whatever there may be to the claims of Bro. Clark, there is something remarkable about his vision and information, also his personality. It is understood that Pres.

Wilford Woodruff blessed the spot where the records are and Pres. Young told of their being there. Several men, it is stated, have lost their lives by interfering with the premises, and many others have become disabled temporarily. It is the general feeling that the records spoken of will br brought forth soon.

Brother Clark says it was shown to him that Reed Smoot would not be re-elected to another term in the U.S. Senate and expected that he would either die or apostatize, and that Pres. Grant would not life but a short time longer as the Lord had already called for hi him.

Wednesday 17.
Spent part of day at office on Gus.Oil Co.business. Saw David Neff about the Baldwin business and suggested my employment in case they had an opening after the organization of the Company.

Attended theatrical in Mill Creek Ward,Mary taking part as a servant. Took whole Mill creek family.

Thursday 18.
Had long talk with Bro.Baldwin about our personal affairs,suggesting that he lose no time in working out a financial policy for his own protection as well as his friends whom he is trying to help. He promised to do so.

Took Mill Creek family to Liberty Park,Field day for Granite schools. Naomi accompanied bunch of boy and girl friends into Mill Creek canyon horseback.

Friday 19.
Borrowed $20. on my gold watch to help Mary with school expenses. What an awful thing it is to be broke,with a large family whooly dependent,and no immediate way of raising funds!

Attended first radio concert. Held at Barrett Hall under auspices of L.D.S.U. Broadcasting station at Deseret News. The possibilities of the radio principle are marvelous. We may next look for

the development of the photographis art along with the sound,so one can not only listen to the lecturer or performer,but see them. Then there will be the transmission of thought. What a marvelous age!

While at school visited some of the rooms,particularly the Art room where Anna has several exhibits. Met Prof.Grant, English Teacher,who said Anna was doing better work in his class than any other student he has ever had. Bro.Fox said her marks were higher than any other sudent has had since the beginning of the institution. They are graduating her in three years,she having 17 ½ credits while only 16 are necessary.
Bertha also came in for a goodly amount of praise.

In evening I attended graduating exercises at the Granite High school,where Mary graduated. Instead of pursuing her studies at the Granite during the year she transferred to the University,making up, on the side, some needed credits to enable her to graduate. Apostle McKay did the principle talking and was well received.

Mr. Simon arrived in Salt Lake from France,on Franco-Utah Oil Co. business.

Saturday 20:
Took typewriter to Kenyon Hotel to assist Jno. T. Clark in preparing a phamplet on "The one mighty and strong" for publication.
At office in forenoon.

Sunday 21-

In afternoon to [illegible] [illegible], Anna & [illegible] to Tooele to get Lorraine. On way there had two blow-outs on new casings within about ten minutes of each other, ruining both casings. I had the impression tubes in, and it is thought they both burst on ac. of friction and heat.

On way back from Tooele had third blowout. Had to buy two new casings at Magna & one inner tube. Such luck I have not experienced before.

Monday 22:

Conferences with Shelley & Clark. Munk & Gustaveson had a row started by Gustaveson's overbearing manner.

Had a long talk with Simons and found him very much put out over

[illegible]

Doc had told him he had spent 15 $70,000 on our Coal & Iron Claims. And wanted 1000.00 Simons part to do the assessment Work. As a matter of fact we have spent less than 5000.00 and the assessment Work will not amount to more than 7000.00 of which Potter and mother must pay at least 1/2.

Other things in proportion. Simons asked me to unite with Murdock and Bennion in helping to safe guard the interests and the European people. I promised to do it.

Gustaveson is getting so suspicious and overbearing that I fear a serious and permanent rupture. He is evidently dishonest in his claims and operations.

Started on the book of Jno. T. Clark. Wrote five pages from his dictation.

Tuesday 23:

Attended Board meeting of Franco-Utah Oil Co. with Simons, Murdock, Bennion, Gustaveson & Munk. Resigned as Vice Pres. of Company in favor of O.M. Simons, who we think will have more prestige in the East arranging for sale of Treasury stock, with an Official Title.

Spent balance of day at Office helping with Assessment list, and Coal & Iron Options.

Decided Simons was to have 1/4 of our

as he claimed Bro. [illegible] had proposed to him.

During all the [illegible] of this day Bro. [illegible] [illegible] in his [illegible] farming [illegible] my friend & [illegible] others, but [illegible] [illegible] my [illegible] I proposed, and [illegible] agreed to "bail" for the truck. I am beginning to think that I am just naturally out of the class with those [illegible], [illegible] of my family relations [illegible] [illegible] of the world. Bro. [illegible] [illegible] very strong [illegible] [illegible] for the [illegible] of the financial classes. [illegible] H. G. [illegible] fellowship [illegible] will not [illegible] his [illegible] and [illegible]. So that it seems to me I must [illegible] [illegible] from that [illegible]. God pity men who must depend on the friendship of Mammon for help, especially if these men are trying to live right and are poor.

Simon left Salt Lake for New York on evening train. I don't think even he will stand by me, notwithstanding my help and defense of him, as against [illegible] H. G. in the final test, for he is worldly and [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible]. Mammon appeals to him from the standpoint of finance, but since I cannot make that appeal and [illegible] [illegible] in my [illegible] and honesty, I cannot compete with men like [illegible] H. G. whose very [illegible] is spent in scheming against those who do not do his bidding.

Wednesday 24 to Wednesday 31st:

Spent the time, except Sunday, [illegible] Bro. T. Clark on his [illegible] for publication. I am [illegible] interested to [illegible] of his work. So far I have felt very good in [illegible] my part in it, and I am [illegible] with the [illegible] of [illegible] of Bro. Clark. Of course if he is right the present leaders of the Church are wrong. The attitude of the Church respecting the one Mighty and Strong coming (85 Sec. D&C.) is that the Revelation is obsolete and will not be fulfilled. Bro. Clark claims it has not but will be fulfilled, and a Pres. of the Church will die suddenly as a result of sinning, and the one mighty and strong will be raised up in his stead to set the Church in order and lead the people back to Jackson County – tho of them who will live the Celestial Law of God – including United Order by consecration and Plurality of Wives. Bro. Clark claims to have seen the Saviour several times, also Joseph Smith and his successors in office. He claims to be the Indian Prophet spoken of in the Book of Mormon and the most literal descendant of Jesus Christ upon the earth today. The work with him is most fascinating. He is humble and clean. He has suffered much for his beliefs and is still suffering ostracism. I am deeply impressed with his claims and am seeking further light on the subject. May God bless my mind.

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3 "Sporting around in an Auto" while she And the Children were in need. I have sold My Auto. Cant use it under such Conditions. Let it Go for About $75.00. It is worth 1300.00 My financial situation is Causing both Rose & Maxine to denounce me and lose faith in My leadership. I Am having a hard struggle. I can stand Most any thing, but when my friends And loved Ones Go back on me, it is almost too Much. O, Lord help Me to be Patient and to put all enemies, including Sin, under my feet. Keep my wives and Children sweet and trusting and help Me to lead them back unto thee.

Ellis has been very sick for several Weeks with her tonsils again. Her Mother is sick also, And turmoil And Confusion reigns. How wonderful it will be when the Millennium

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June 1922

Thursday 1.

Spent day at office working on Temple City Inv.Co. and Gus. Oil Co. matters. We sold most of our Temple City furniture to the Franco-Utah Oil Co. for $1000. and some to Gus. Oil Co. $100. Provo Reservoir Co.$30. and this L.C.Smith Typewriter no.8,to myself $15.. This enabled the company to pay some pressing obligations and a small salary for June.

Attended commencement exercises at the Assembly Hall with wife Rose,Ruth,Anna, Bertha,Gertrude,Joseph & Geneva and Aunt Jennie. Anna and Bertha graduated from the L.D.S. U. as also did Wayne. In the distribution of the three "Grant" awards for schol- ship, Anna,who finished a four year course i three,received first prize, and sweet old Bertha,third, out of a graduation class of 249. Ruth received the first prize last year. President Heber J.Grant distributed the prizes.

I am financially no-body; my credit at the banks is poor,(tho not one of them has ever lost a dollar through loaning me money) and I am not invited to the business functions as many other men are, but I am raising a family,second to none in America, and the jo and comfort I get through associating with them, more than compensates me for all that I am missing in other lines. The Banks may refuse me credit and speak lightly of my business standing and ability, but no bank President or Cashier that I know of,has a family of 14 beautiful girls and 5 sons,maki the wonderful recordx that my "bunch" is mak God be thanked for my blessings. They can ta their money,I am satisfied.

Friday 2.

Spent day at office helping rearrange filing of Gus.Oil Co. and Temple City Inv.Co.

Moved all my things from the office to home 1364 Yale Ave, where I expect to have my workshop for the time being. Gustaveson and I signed a contract in which we personally released each other from any obligation in the past, and dissolving partnership.

Saturday 3.

Grandma Borgquist died about 9:30 A.M. of general debility. She has been ailing for some time and wive Rose has been taking her turn as nurse. She is 86 years old. Has always been my friend and a staunch Latter-day-Saint according to the light she possessed.

To my graduate girls, Mary, Bertha, Anna and Ruth to S.L. Theatre, Matinee, the "CIRCLE" John Drew and Mrs. Carter, both old time stars, in the leading roles.

Sunday 4.

Spent part of afternoon at lawyers office reviewing the case of Murray Rock vs. Gus. Oil Co., supposed to come up tomorrow.

Monday 5.
With Lawyer in morning. Helping to select a casket at ten o'clock. Took up case of Oswald Carlson before Judge Tanner, and spent balance of day helping John T. Clark with his work.

Tuesday 6.
Assisting John T. Clark in morning and attended funeral of Grandma Borgquist in afternoon and spent evening trying to get the brothers and sisters together so as to avoid a quarrel over the few things she left. This scandinavian blood is hard to keep from boiling over with petty selfishness and jealousies.
Also going over books of Gus. Oil Co. for testimony to be used in Rock case tomorrow

Wednesday 7.
In court all day in the Rock vs. Gus. Oil Co. Dr. Rock is claiming damages on account of delay in issuing his stock. It is really a personal fight against Gustaveson, which the Company must suffer for. Spent evening at office checking over books for information.

Thursday 8.
In court all day on Rock-Gustaveson Co. suit. Testified on behalf of Defendant.

Friday 9.
In court until noon on Rock-Gus.Co.case. submitted to the court.

Spent afternoon at farm chopping wood and milked five cows at night.

Saturday 10.
Finished up work of typewriting article for John T. Clark, spending afternoon at Yale office (home) on matters of business.

Sunday 11.
50th. Birthday of wife Rose. Spent a pleasant day at Dale with family, including Joseph and Geneva.

Monday 12.
At office at 7 A.M. signing certificates. Writing letters from home and looking into genealogical work.

Lucile was baptized at the Tabernacle font by Stoyner Fredrickson, May 27th. 1922, and confirmed a member of the Church at LeGrand Ward on June 4th, 1922, by

Tuesday 13.
Sent Bro. Cowley 10,000 shares Franco-Utah Oil stock as a gift in consideration of

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our former business association.

Entertained Bro. & Sister Nathaniel Baldwin and children, at Yale home. They came to look over the home for pointers to assist them in planning their new home.

Wednesday 14.
Gustaveson came back from the well at Diamond Fork and said the gas in the well was so strong that it made him sick while he was near the drilling operations.

Had a long talk with John T. Clark. Told me of conversation had with Loren C. Woolley a few days ago. Brother Woolley told him that at the time Pres. John Taylor received his revelation in 1886, at his father's home, and while surrounded with a halo of light, among other things, Pres. Taylor said in substance: At the time of the 7th. President in the Church, the Church will be in spiritual and financial bondage, and then the Lord will raise up a deliverer as spoken of in the 85th. Sec. of the Doctrine and Covenants. Bro. Woolley heard this statement. It was at this time that Pres. Taylor placed his hands on his (Bro. Woolley's) head and ordained him an apostle and gave him a certain mission to perform with relation to Celestial Marriage, the words being dictated by the Prophet Joseph Smith, who stood by Pres. Taylor's side.

Bro. Clark also told of Bro. Peay of Provo, now deceased, relating of an experience had in about 1901 (or 1891, I am not sure as to date) He, (Bro. Peay) was in his field where he could see in every direction over half mile distant, and he heard a voice saying: In the time of the seventh President of this Church, great things will happen and wonderful things transpire."

As to the Church being in spiritual and financial bondage, according to the words

of Pres. Taylor, it is apparent that this part of the prediction is fulfilled.

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Spiritual Bondage: We have been compelled to surrender one of the vital principles of the Gospel-plural marriage, and are estopped from putting into operation another-the Law of Enoch, and we are so obligated to the gentiles through misrepresentation and promises that our every act (almost) ecclesiastically, reflects the desire to be in harmony with the babylon ideas of the world. We are making friends with the "mammon of unrighteousness", neglecting our own poor and failing to feed the "sheep of the flock" the food they are starving for. We are pronouncing curses upon the heads of those who are seeking to live the higher laws of the Church, at least on some of them, while others in similar situations are held in full and complete fellowship. We are refusing the help of staunch and true Latter day-Saints in the feeding of the flock, while we enlist in the service men and women only half converted to the Gospel. We are truly in spiritual bondage and unless the Lord comes to the rescue, there is little hope that the present or future generations will possess a saving understanding of the Gospel. We are fast growing like the world and the world is patting us on the back, saying-"you are good fellows, we like you." They hated Christ and murdered him and the Prophet Joseph Smith because of the truth, but they like us.

Financial Bondage: It is stated the Church is indebted to the tune of $21,000,000. with only assets amounting to less then $10,000,000 Whether this be true or not, all the evidence available to the "high private" in the ranks, goes to show that the Church is in financial straits. We are sold to our enemies.

Thursday 15.
Had sale of delinquent stockof Cus. Oil Co. About 100,000 shares sold for assessment and cost.

Spent part of day checking up Utah Con. Oil Co. stock ledger.

Friday 16.
Working on Utah Con. books. Also getting information on Shelley's land deals.

Saturday 17.
Working at Yale home painting and other things.

Sunday 18.
Had Grandma Shipp, Aunt Nellie and family and Joseph and family at the Yale home to luncheon. Spent a most enjoyable time, especially with Joseph on genealogical matters.

Monday 19.
Spent day looking up Shelley land datas also getting my bearings on the Tintic mining claims Mr. Horton wanted me to handle.

Tuesday 20.
Helping Munk on Cus. Oil Co. accounts in afternoon. Also consulting with Anges about estate of her mother.

After a hard struggle with jews and the financial pirates of the day,wife Ellis finally got settlement from the Baldwin Radio Co.,10,000 shares of stock,in payment of services in assisting to get the process from Bro. Baldwin,or in other words the right to manufacture the same. Freed, Vice Pres, Hibley,Secretary,and others,seem to feel "well she's only a woman and dont need anything" and they repeatedly broke their word with her,until forced to a settlement.

Wednesday 21.
Spent forenoon looking up Borgquist titles for the heirs. In a talk with Agnes,she told me that I had been the only brother that the family had ever had; that she figured I had spent $1100 or $1200. in helping with their education,funerals and various difficulties, and yet nearly every member of the family now have hard feelings for me. Even my wife feels to criticise me, and I am generally a marked person among them, though I have never intentionally done them a wrong,but have always held myself in readiness to serve them in any capacity.

Finished reading the history and life of Heber C. Kimball again. It was prepared by Elder Orson F. Whitney. Every page of the book held a thrill for my soul. O that I could be as true,constant and consistent as Bro.Kimball was. O That I had his courage and power of endurance. He was one of God's noblemen. I want to recommend the reading of his life to my children and their children,even to the last generation, and I bear you my testimony that he was one of the rulers God chose before this earth was formed,to inhabit the same and help purify it. His life as a polygamist was wonderful and he helped,perhaps more than any other one man, to establish that principle in the hearts of the people,-a principle of eternal truth that will live to purify the world and continue to exist in the eternal heavens. Those who fight it will go down and down to destructions. Their sons and daughters will follow them and bring sorrow and the sorest trials to their parents and friends. God's words must not be mocked. He has spoken and commanded, and his people must hear or die. The rotten condition of our community as well as the world today,testifies to the need of a saving principle such as plural marriage under the celestial law, is meant to be. Surel the prediction of Isiah,3 and 4 chap. is being fulfilled. The seed,before it can germinate must die and rot and smell with pollution, and so the sons and daughters of Zion who have rejected the truth and are living in sin, must, it seems, go to the very depths of depravity, and stink, rot and die, before the Lord can regenerate them and make them glorious, and this time is coming.

Of late, I feel such a burden of responsibility upon me. I dont know just why, unless it is that my mind has heretofore been so engrossed with the things of the world to the almost total exclusion of my spiritual labors, and that now I have awakened or am begining to awake. But I do feel the strong need of divine guidance and the foregiveness of my sins. I would that I could resign my business life right here and now and spend the balance of my life in the ministry, working among the children of men without purse and scrip. I would like to spend much time looking up my dead ancestry and have the work donef for them. I am getting the spirit of this work and itis glorious. But when I get saturated with it, the cry of my children come up before me for bread and shoes, ribbons and the like. My family numbers 24, about 20 of whom are still dependent upon my labors, and the times in which we live makez the demands so many. So what can I do? O Lord thou alone knowest. The control of all things is in thxy hands and thou hast the power to rule and over rule all things for the good of thy work and of thy children. I pray thee to forgive me my sins and to use me as an instrument in accomplishing thy divine purposes. Help me with my genealogy and see to it that I use my stewardship in a way acceptable to thee. Bless my children and keep them faithful. Give them the gift of faith and the spirit of repentance and help them to be humble. I am so grateful unto thee for them. O that they will live to serve thee in all things. Amen.

Thursday 22. Preparing to go to Mt. Nebo & Goshen tomorrow. Getting late to [illegible]

Friday 23.

Accompanied Clark Whitney, M. C. Morris, Reuben and Tingley to Mt. Nebo where we inspected the property of the Sunland Tunnel and Transportation Co, near Mona, Juab County, 8 1/2 miles from Salt Lake. Stockholder in Company. Tunnel in about 800 ft. going toward Wasatch Fault. About 1/2 S. F. Water now in tunnel. Expect to develop 10 to 15 S. F. Good Camp and work appears to be good. About 50 Claims.

Returning stopped at E. E. Shelley's near Goshen to inspect his properties. Stopped with Shelley.

Borrowed 25^{00} on my watch for expense money.

Saturday 24:

Took team — Len Morgan — at Goshen and went up Dry Hand Canyon to see some land and Water of Shelley. About 10 Miles from Goshen. Last two miles of road very rough. Left at 9 A.M. returning about five. Water situation looks good for developing a stream for the 680 Acre tract now owned.

Sunday 25:

Predicted to Shelley and his son Rodney that the calamities of famine would soon be upon us. Probably within three years time. Caused by two main causes, viz: Lack of transportation facilities due to industrial strikes &c. Ry. coal mining, other cause will be the great emigrations into the U.S. and to Utah, by people fleeing from the judgments of God, for all they who will not take up sword against his neighbor must needs flee unto Zion for safety. I advised Shelley to begin right now to raise wheat and corn for the terrible times — not only to be able to eat themselves but to help others. I told them land prices would advance as people by the thousands would be seeking for farms. I told them the federal Government would almost be dissolved by internal strife caused by conflict between Labor and Capital, and that when the constitution is about to be destroyed the Mormon people would help preserve it. Mob-ocracy, already started in Southern Illinois in "Bloody Williamson County" where some 30 or 40 Non Union Coal Miners were massacred in cold blood a few days ago, and men, women and children laughed at the awful scenes. Such Mobocracy will increase with terrible intensity, until only in the Mountains of Zion will men find peace. The Nation has killed the Prophets and driven God's people out of the U.S. and it must yet pay the penalty. It will pay the penalty in the Mob. laws already started.

In afternoon had Isaac Isaacson take us over to his ranch on the east shore of Utah Lake, about ten miles from Goshen. The lake front here was wonderfully beautiful. We caught about 50# of cat fish in some traps and had some good fish meals. Isaacson wants to ~~[illegible]~~ sell his farm 170 A. for about 10.000^00 which include 70 A. of water at 80^00 per acre, paid up.

Monday 26.
Visited Tintic Standard mill, about one mile
east of Shelley's. Concentrating plant. Am
told they have between 70 and 80 men at work
three shifts per day. Ore is hauled from
Tintic by D. & R..G. The plant is situated on
some splendid springs, yielding, according to
reports, from 10 to 15 s.f., used for irrigation
in Gospen.

Got ride from Goshen to Payson. Took 3:05
train out arriving in Salt Lake 6 P.M.

Tuesday 27 to Sunday July 2.
Spending time mainly at home collecting gen-
ealogical data for temple work on the Musser
side of family. Have between 25 and 30 names
now to be attended to. This is an opening
wedge, and perhaps the Lord will open the way
for others when this work is done. I am
getting the spirit of it and want to devote
more time to it.

Have also been helping Ellis. She is attempting
to finish her home and have it paid for by the
24th. and have it dedicated then.

Tuesday 4.
Had stormy conversation over phone on money
matters with Mary last evening. And since these
things are happening often of late with
different members of my family, I felt con-
strained to write a general letter of instructi
which I ~~ds~~ did. See copy on file.

Wednesday 5 to Sunday 9.
Working at Yale helping to finish up house.
Wife Ellis loaned me $155. to pay off note at
Walker Brothers. She always comes to my rescue
when needed.
Bro. Bateman told of the circumstance of the
issuing of the manifesto. He was one of the
body-guard to John Taylor and later to Wilford
Woodruff. Pres. Woodruff was receiving letters
from prominent men, Pres. Of Stakes, Bishops &c.
all over the Church, demanding that something
be done to save the Church and the people. Many

of the letters were bordering on the bitter. They literally compelled Pres. Woodruff to issue the manifesto. The Church demanded it and the Lord complied. The Manifesto was prepared by a committee selected consisting of both gentile and mormon..
My Comment is: Those who demanded it, are getting their pay now in their sons and daughters going astray and losing the faith. It is inevitable. When God gives a law, it must be lived or the consequences will follow. The consequences of rejecting the order of Enoch is financial bondage, which we are now in. The consequences of rejecting the law of Celestial Marriage, pertaining to plurality of wives, is social corruption, whichwe as a people are now contaminated with. Isiah saw our day and described it, Sec. 3 & 4.

Wrote Bro.. Baldwin letter on subject of preparing for famine. See copy on file.

July 21st

Have been spending time at Yale helping in finishing of home, and putting in lawn. Also assisting Jno. T. Clark, with his new book on "One Mighty and Strong," proof-reading with him, and trying to promote Grichen land deal with Shelley.

On the 11th Wife Ellis ran into a truck with her Ford sedan; both cars were badly damaged, and she was severely cut on the head. She had

moderate speed. Damage to car $60.00 2/3 of which the Truck people proffer to pay. Accident occurred at Gilmer ave and 13th East. We are all so grateful she escaped alive.

Planted lawn on parking in front of Yale on 15th. It is now quite green. Planted on East side of front approach on 17th and on West side on 18th.

Yesterday wife Ellis finally consummated a deal with her Baldwin Radio stock, which enabled her to finish paying for her home, costing in all lot and building about $18,000.00 A wonderful achievement.

Monday 24th

Had some hard rain storms last week, with cool nights in consequence. Today spent planting balance of lawn at Yale, in rear of house, and in other odds and ends. Ellis postponed her family gathering until Wednesday to give more time for attending to details. Today she is 43 years old. We spent entire day working — A very delightful time. Paper hangers not thru yet, nor the painters or electricians.

I must now leave this home and visit and strengthen my other children. O, if they only knew my heart, and how concerned I am of their welfare. Will they ever understand me? God grant they may. My love for them is beyond power of words to express and yet I feel so weak and incapacitated to do my part in the family growth. My dear Jenny and Ruth, how generously they stand behind me my loving children and bring them to a perfect understanding of their father and of their religion!

The children at the Farm need me but, their Mother is halting between two opinions. She fears I am lost and she should not live with me. She listens to others too much, and does not come to me for counsel. I fear her children will suffer in consequence. I love them all and want them to be big and understand the true status of things.

Now that Ellis has got "over the top" in finishing and paying for her home; and since I have been making my contribution in work during the last month to the neglect of my other families, I must now turn my attention to them. My heart goes out after them.

Learnt that Joseph & family went to Bear Lake to spend the day. This is his birthday too.

See poem I wrote to wife Ellis in honor of the occasion.

Bro. Baldwin gave Ellis check for $100.00 to purchase cloth to be made into clothing for the poor among our people who are classed as outcasts. A sewing bee will be held at Yale next Friday. The idea is one of Ellis's prompted, no doubt, by the Lord, and financed by Bro Baldwin. This will be the second occasion of the kind that Ellis has supervised. I am glad to see such a spirit among our "girls" and am grateful to the Lord for such men as Bro. Baldwin who is not afraid to use

rewarded, - for he that giveth unto the poor lendeth to the Lord.

Spent last Wednesday evening most enjoyably with Joseph and Geneva. They are such lovely children. Joseph gave me some medicine for my hay fever, but to date I see no improvement, and am in great discomfort with the fever. It takes all the "pep" out of me from July to nearly October.

Wednesday 26:

House opening at 1264 Yale, Casa J.E.M.L.S. (Jen-Ellis) christened. About 70 present. Including Grandma Shipp and Musser, Joseph, Geneva, Ruth, Bertha, Anna and Gertrude. Aunt May Barnes Jennie & Wayne & the balance - Shipp family. Weather ideal. Program went off splendidly. Luncheon in play room, All seated at once. All filled with praises for Ellis and her great achievement in building a 15.000= home and having it out of debt in less than one year's time; but of course we know we could not have done it save the Lord helped and directed our work. All good gifts come from Him, and so we acknowledge this home as one of them. I offered the dedicatory prayer and blessed the home and surroundings unto God and that it would never have to be Mortgaged.

I was so grateful to have Ruth and the Children at the opening. Mame refused to come and none of her children were present. I am sorry she takes the attitude she does. Surely the Lord will touch her heart and open her eyes to the folly of supposing I have forfeited all my blessings in consequence

34 Friday 28:
Yesterday I asked Walker Bros for loan of 150.00 Refused without collateral, tho I have had 30 or 40,000 $ with them during past two years. God help a poor man – the Bankers wont.

At Dale last night. All kiddies well. Little Charles growing splendidly.

Today Ellis had a number of the girls who have married in polygamy, sewing at her home, for themselves and for others who are in distress. The material was furnished thru kindness of Bro. Baldwin by the blessings of the Lord.

Spent a few hours with the girls, reading the word of the Lord to them and prophesied that some of them would go back to Jackson County and help build the New Jerusalem.

Took some photographs of our house.

Spent day in town trying to stir up some business, and getting out Reports for the Government on Information Taxes for Gem Oil Co. Temple City Inv. Co., United Standard Oil Co & Calum Emery Oil & Gas Co.

Saturday 29:
Helping Jno. T. Clark on new Book until 3 P.M.

Sunday 30:
With "Dale" folks. Had dinner in honor of Birthdays of Joseph, Ruth, Neil and Bertha, all in July. Pleasant time. Held meeting at 1264 Yale Ave. with about 25 of our oppressed friends. Among speakers were Nathan Clark, Israel Barlow, Bird Murphy, Bros. Young, Hanson, Rider, Christensen and sisters Munn, Clark, Barlow, Kelsch

Lottie Gamble, Alder, Musser. All manifested splendid spirit; bore strong testimony to Gospel and particularly to principle of Plural Marriage and advocated standing by our leaders as much as possible consistent with our polygamous lives. 13

I spoke of the famine conditions that are coming upon the people and urged those present to begin storing up food for the future. Don't think the present Railroad and Coal strikes will result in a complete tie-up, but that would come later.

I prophesied that some in the room were of the lineage of Jesus, and some present would be called to go to Jackson County to help build the Temple and New Jerusalem, but no one would go there except they would abide the laws of the Celestial Kingdom.

Bro. Clark spoke of Prophecy of the late Apostle Jno. W. Taylor, who said time would come when the people would come in over the eastern hills, like grasshoppers and would ask food at our hands, and that while we would be expected to share with them, if we wanted any left for ourselves we would have to hide it or the strangers would deplete our store. He had also said in a meeting held in Davis Stake that 1/2 of the people would apostatize, and 1/2 of the other half, denounce of polygamy, and as an evidence that the prediction would come true, within the week, one of the three Nephites would visit Davis County. There would be a remarkable healing, which Bro. Clark testified had occurred.

The brethren and sisters all expressed joy in

30 And his people failed to be present, altho promising to do so, and Irvin C. Woolley didnot come, tho we made the time 7 P.M. at his suggestion so he could be present.

Monday 31:

Finished helping Jno. T. Clark with his pamphlet – typewriting and proof-reading. Have suggested some modifying changes which he has adopted. He expressed the feeling that since I had been so generous in my aid of him, the Lord would help me out of my present financial distress.

August 1922

Tuesday 1=

Bank notified me that Z. C. M. I. had issued execution against my account to collect a judgment of about 60^{00} recently obtained. I had been paying 10^{00} to 25^{00} per month on an old a/c. but last two months could not make payments, so they sued tho I promised I would do best I could.

Myself & family have spent thousands of dollars there and yet they are risking putting me in bankruptcy for a paltry 60^{00} And yet for a generation they sold under title "Holiness to the Lord"! What perfidy! What Hypocracy! God will attend to such ones.

Placed Oil Wells in hands of Ashton Jenkins for sale 18.000^{00} Quigley offered to give personal note for 2000^{00} without interest, in settlement of claims against him. Burton counsels against it.

Am in distress for money.

Wednesday 2:

Helped dear sweet Louisine rent or lease for one year house from Mr. Dean No. 80 A. St. 8 rooms. She contemplates taking in boarders – University Students. She wants to be home with her son, – the dear frail, sweet mother. Rent 45^{00} per month.

Met with Wife Rose, Agnes, Herman, & Anna in effort to make a division of the small property left by Sister Bergquist. Agnes & Herman quarrelled like a strange cat & dog. It was with difficulty we proceeded at all. I would rather lose the entire estate than harbor the feelings they had. At 10:30 we adjourned until 10 oclock tomorrow.

Thursday 3:

Met at Hermans and finished distribution of the property. It means the equivalent of about 150^{00} for each heir, beside some small personal effects, not enough to dream about let alone quarrel over.

Am Much worried over financial Matters. My efforts seem to avail nothing. Have been reading my Patriarchal blessings. They are full of promises and encouragement. O if I know myself I do desire to serve the Lord. I am so filled with weaknesses and shortsightedness and faults, I sometimes think the Lord has fully rejected me, but I do love him and I do want to accomplish the mission for which I came into the world. O, Lord my God, help me I pray thee. Bless me

As thou hast blessed me with many wives and children, I pray that I may have their love, and the ability to provide for them proper necessities. I also pray they may have the gift of faith, that they may serve thee. I desire to be among thy sons who shall assist in bringing about the redemption of Zion, and build the New Jerusalem in Jackson County, Missouri. I would like to fulfill that part of my blessing pertaining to my being a savior to many of my posterity as Joseph was in Egypt, that I might be able to assist my brethren during famine days that are coming. O, Lord bless me with vision and understanding. Mark each place for my foot to step and protect me from mine enemies. Let me be at thy feet forever. Let me serve thy people. Let me be a messenger for them - a door keeper at the door of thy tent. Father close thine eyes to my faults and remember only that I love you and want to serve thee and keep thy commandments.

Visit me, O, Lord and speak thy will concerning me, and in my weakness and humility and littleness I will endeavor to answer. In the name of Jesus Christ I pray for thy blessings - Amen.

Friday 4.

Took lunch with John T. Clark. He expressed appreciation for my labors in his behalf and promised me definitely that the Lord would come to my rescue in financial matters in a way that would be entirely satisfactory. He told me that Brother Baldwin was surrounded by many "leaky" vessels, and that would be cast away from him in due time, as the work of the Lord will not admit of such hinderances

Wife Ellis had a comforting dream. She had be feeling very badly about the situation at home and mydownheartedness, etc. She dreamed she was in the Temple, in a large room, crying bitterly, when David A. Smith, followed by a number of people came in and President Joseph F. Smith appeared in the dorway. David beaconed to his father and said we will hold our meeting here, when Pres. Smith, seeing Ellis, brushed them aside and waved them from the room. She protested, saying "I am not one of them, I must not disturb their meeting". Pres. Smith, placing his arms around her, looking into her eyes, said "You are just where you belong and you are all right, and if anybody says differently, send them to me." She awoke comforted.

My partial interpretation: They were of the petty monogamic tribe now infesting the Church and were not worthy of occupying the same room with her. She was where she belonged, but they were out of their place and must go into some other room to hold their meeting.

Saturday 5.

Forenoon at office, Gustaveson Oil Co. Afternoo assisting Lorraine at 81 S. St. Watering lawn, fixing blinds, etc.

Finished reading the Book of Mormon thru again but this reading has given me much joy, more th ever before, and has greatly strengthened my faith. It has been a literal feast to my soul, for which I am grateful to the Lord. O that more would read that wonderful book, with

Sunday 6.
Attended a special meeting held at Bountiful at home of Nathan Clark, at which Loren C. Woolley, John T. Clark, Israel Barlow, myself, my wife Ellis and children, and others were present. For some remarks from Bro. Woolley and Clark see separate account, ______________. The meeting was most enjoyable and the spirit of the Lord was manifest.

Monday 7.
Attended special meeting at Brother John Barlow's, Millcreek Ward, 7.P.M. presided over by Loren C. Woolley. Remained in session until about 11:30, and was a most inspiring session. For statements from Bro. Bateman and Woolley see separate statement, __________. John T. Clark, bore strong testimony, telling of his having seen and shook hands with the Sa Savior and each President of the Church, including Joseph Smith, who saluted him with a kiss. Told of the future wars that are coming upon this nation, wherein three times its strength will battle against it. That no one can return to Jackson County and participate in the building of the New Jerusalem unless they accept all the laws of the Celestial Kingdom. Wife Ellis was with me.

Thursday 10.
Attended old time party at East Millcreek given by D. T. Bateman, in honor of his recent marriage to Miss Barlow. We had a most enjoyable time. Wife Ellis with me. Brother Israel Barlow and wife and Sister Muir accompanied us home and spent the night with us.

Friday 11;
At John Barlow's picking apricots which he kindly let us have for the picking. Picked one bushel for Rose and one for Ellis. Ellis arranged with Wilkinson for some fruit and corn for oil stock, and we picked about 80 p pounds of cherries there.

Saturday 12.
Down at Wilkinson's picking cherries for the "Dale" folks, picked 94 pounds, of which they received about 75 pounds. Also helped Ellis in putting up 31 qts. apricot marmalade and 32 qts. cherries.

Sunday 13.
Attended meeting at Israel Barlow's at Bountiful, in afternoon, lasting from about 4:30 to 10.P.M. A most enjoyable time and spiritual treat. For the proceedings see page______of __________. Brother Loren C. Woolley came home with wife Ellis and self and spent the night, a most welcome guest in our home.

Monday 21.
Spent the week in Salt Lake attending to various matters, principally getting the Borgquist estate wound up and the heirs satisfied.

Received deed from E. S. Shelley on 100 acres at Goshen, in Trust for parties loaning us money with which to perfect our mining titles, &c.

Agges presented me with $100. which she asked me to accept in token of the many times I had come to her assistance together with that of the family. She is termed the "black sheep" of her father's family, but to date, aside from Anna, she has shown more real foundation than any of the others.

Learnt that my wives Rose and Mary have both made statements of late reflecting on my integrity and indicating their utter lack of confidence in me, yet they are straining every effort to get money from me for their support. Their misrepresentations are damaging to me as it prevents me from doing business with certain people into whose ears the "rattle" of these women reach. I am in much the same position, of course on a smaller scale, but the principle is the same, as the Prophet Joseph Smith, when he crossed the river to come west, and escape the fury of the mobocrats, his friends, and especially his wife Emma, sent word intimating that he was a coward, demanding that he come back and face the music, &c. He came to his doom. So my wives instead of standing by me and sustaining me in the fullest extent, are forever depreciating my efforts and ability and causing, by their words and actions, other people to do likewise. They will wake up some day, but when it is too late to make proper amends. But their eternal exaltation will depend on my leadership and this situation they cannot get away from so long as I am faithful to the Lord. Thanks to the public and private utterances of such men as Pres. Heber J. Grant, Richard R. Lyman, James E. Talmage, John M. Whitaker, and others for the difficulties I am having with my wives and some of my children. Some day they will be called to an accounting. The Lord shall decide between us.

Yesterday took wife Ellis and her children down to Provo to visit Aunt Clara, where we spent very enjoyable day.

On Sunday 13th. Bro. Loren C. Woolley, honored us by spending the night at our Yale Ave. home. In answer to a question as to what Pres. Taylor said about the time when the one Mighty and Strong would come, Bro. Woolley said that Pres. Taylor, in referring to it said, ((after the Church shall be in financial and spiritual bondage, etc) "Then the Lord will send the one (Mighty and Strong) whose right it is to set the Church in order in this dispensation." Bro. Woolley thinks it is Joseph Smith. The Lord will RAISE up and Indian Prophet, but will SEND the one Mighty and Strong. Pres. Taylor blessed him and said, "You will yet live to be great and mighty in the Church and Kingdom of God." The testimony of Bro. Woolley always rings true. I love to hear him talk and rehearse the things that happened while he was guarding the brethren.

Sunday 27th.

Spent week trying to raise money on Goshen property in order to perfect our Marl and Slate claims, but have not succeeded to any extent, as money is so tight. Yesterday checked over accounts of Gustaveson Oil Co. with Temple City Inv. Co.

Spent today at Yale writing up records. Mary and some of her Wright friends came to visit the home. I took them through, and had a short confidential talk with Mary, by which my heart is made to rejoice, as I believe she still has a spark of love for me and that there is still hope of reclaiming my own at the farm. Wife Mary listens to so many people in her Stake and to some of the Apostles, denouncing our marriage state that she is being greatly influenced by it. I pray to the Lord, in the name of Jesus Christ, that he will give me power to keep the love spark aglow in the hearts of my loved ones until the present clouds of doubt and uncertainty are dissipated and the real truth comes forth.

Wednesdat 30;

Spent day yesterday with Mr. Wilson and two other parties inspecting mining properties of Bp. Benj. Bullock, east of Santaquin, Utah. These properties were shown to Bp. Bullock in dreams. Ore has now been taken from one, the Syndicate, assaying 81% lead and 26 oz. Silver, very valuable stuff. Went over the Hope of Israel and Gold Relief, and both look very likely properties to me. Also visited the Coyle "Dream Mine" for first time. Tunnel in about 1700 ft. and as straight as an arrow. They have encountered no ore of consequence. I am informed that Bp.Coyle directs the mining operations through manifestations he receives in dreams. I am impressed that the mountains are filled w. with gold and silver and other precious medals and when the Lord wants his people to have them he will inspire certain ones to get them, but not until. Perhaps the parties now working there are the right ones. Had a very pleasant trip, returning hom same day.

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Friday 1.

Visited my wife Mary at the Farm. Found her very positive in her feelings that she should not continue living with me because of the counsel she has had from different monogamic sources. She says the Lord has taken from her her love for me and she doesnot desire me to visit her in future, but of course I should have perfect liberty to see the children and to support them. I told Mary that I still loved her and that I expected some day to lead her into the Celestial Kingdom of God. Poor girl. She is deluded. Her self righteous brothers, her prattling sister neighbors, her ward officials, some of the apostles, have lost no opportunity in trying to convince her that her life is wrong in plural marriage, and she is wavering. She cant endure the test. She looks for the plaudits of the populace. She said as long as I could go the the stand pray and preach she loved me, but now that I am dropped and am not recognized by the Church authorities, she cant stand it. She must be with the popular side. She must feed on recognition. Sh~~o~~e forgets that one of the authorities told her to stand by me. Poor girl. She has so many wonderful

qualities too and she is a lovely girl. Heavenly Father take possession of her heart and lead her back to me. Teach her that trials are meant for a purpose and that they purify and enoble; That only those who are purified as by fire will win the great reward; that her husband understands more of the situation than her neighbors and that she should follow him. Teach her that "If she would go with us, she must go against wind and tide, she must also own religion in his rags as well as when in his silver slippers, and stand by him too when bound in irons as well as when he walketh the streets with applause." O Lord bless her and our children that none of them will be lost. Amen.

What will be the penality provided for the men, especially those high up, whose words and actions are forever tending to separate families and lead them astray, by admising them that the Lord is not pleased with their lives in polygamy. My God! not pleased with a woman who is willing to bring into the world six beautiful children and toil and labor for them, while all around her are women dressed in their silks and satens, who are murdering their offspring, and refuse to accept the responsibilities of motherhood, and yet who point the finger of scorn at her! And to think she should be influenced by such miserable trash, -many of them the whores and prostitutes of modern Israel! But such are the times. We must needs learn wisdom by the things we suffer.

Sunday 3.

Spent the day with the folks at the Dale having a very pleasant time. Have been fasting for two days, endeavoring to get near the Lord for direction in my financial affairs. I feel must better and greatly encouraged as a result. My Yale and Dale children joined me in the fast on Sunday and are very kind to me and considerate of my feelings. God bless them.

Monday 4.

Today Mrs. Gustaveson came into the office and asked about David. She told me some horrible things about him, and her intention not only to get a divorce, but to ruin him financially. Among other things she told me that he had claimed to her that I robbed him of money with which to build our Yale house. What an awful liar he is. He knows perfectly well, that Ellis built that house from her oil and Radio investments, and that no interest of his ever enterd into it. He has swindled me. He will never prosper until he makes it right. He tries to clear his counscience by blaming me, but the Lord knows better and so does he, and he will have to repent or he will never prosper.

Am writing letter to the Gustaveson Oil Co. advising the company to select a permanent Manager and conduct its business along business lines. (See the letter on file) I will offer my services at $300. per month, and if refused I will withdraw from the Company and let them go ahead as they are now to oblivion.

Tuesday 5.

After Gustaveson gambled my money away in New York, or reported that he did, he came home and went to California with his wife for a "much needed rest". While there he purchased and paid for a $5000. Automobile. As he was supposed not to have had any money having lost both his and mine, he reported to me he had used money belonging to his children Reginald and Irving left them by their mother. I thought he was lying at the time, but had no way of proving it. Now that he and wife are quarling in the courts, both Mrs. Gustaveson and the son Reginald tell me the truth, that the Auto was purchased and paid for with my money, and was put in Reginald's name merely as a blind. Truth will out. He is now paying the penalty of

Wednesday 6.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gustaveson Oil Co. I was selected as General Manager, and accepted a salary of $300. per month and expenses until the company is on a better footing. The treasury, under the Management of its President, is wrung dry and it will require a gigantic effort to replenish it; but I am going to try.

Against my judgment and warning Jos.R.Murdock and Harden Bennion, as the Executive Committee of the Franco-Utah Oil Co. voted D.H.Gustaveson $3500. to go to Europe with Mr. Jensen, to represent our Radio and Sugar machinery propositions. Now they are wiring all over the cou ry to get him back here and they greatly regret their action. His wive threatens to have him arrested and brought back to support his children. Bro. Murdock had me get up a wire to him dequesting that he return at once.

Thursday 7.

First day as Manager of Gus. Oil Co. Got off letter to 300 delinquent stockholders and straightened desk &c. for action. Tried to get loan for Lorraine to assist her in purchasing some furniture to enable her to take in some University students, but the Deseret Nat.Bank turned me down because I had no Government Bonds or dividend stocks, and yet I have plenty of security and offered them good protection. No I am poor, and Banks are not meant for poor men. Some day the bankers will be begging on the streets and will be mighty glad to have the poor and meek of the earth administer unto them.

Friday 8.

Routine work for Gus.Oil Co. Also in council with Jos.R.Murdock and Harden Bennion regard- failure of D.H.Gustaveson to return home from California according to request of Bro.Murdock, on account of the trouble between he and his wife.

Saturday 9.

Spent day preparing letters to Gustaveson, Jensen, Knowles and Simon, relative to intended trip to Europe of Gustaveson and Jensen on Franco-Utah Oil Co. business, also in drafting letter to stockholders of Gustaveson Oil Co., appealing for co-operation. About 5 P.M. D.H.Gustaveson came into the office. He immediately went into conference with Bro.Murdock, who finally succeeded in getting he and his wife to make up again and bury the hatchet. Bro. M. is a wonder. "Blessed is the peace-maker, for he shall see God." Bro.M. is certainly a peace-maker and with all my heart I believe he will see God, and be crowned in His celestial glory. I hope so.

Sunday 10.

Lucile sick with a very high fever. Stayed at Yale home all day nursing sickness. Wife Ellis just recovering from same sickness. Administered to Lucile and she shortly improved.

Monday 11.

Conference with Murdock, Bennion, Gustaveson about Gustaveson's trip to Europe. Decided that he not go, but return to the company money advanced for the trip. He will go as far as New York to confer with Knowles, and incidentally have a trip east at expense of FrancO-Utah Oil Co.

He felt badly about my having been appointed Manager of the Gustaveson Oil Co. and wanted operations to cease. People are already expressing to me their pleasure in my appointment; they now look for a "square deal." Bro.Shewell told me tonight it was shown to him we would bring in oil at between 1100 and 1200 feet.

Tuesday 12:

Visited well in Diamond Fork. Upon arriving there found Sheriff, Atty. Elsmore & Dr. Rock, attaching all our property to satisfy judgement of about $1000.00 in favor of Rock v.s. our company. At same time our office furniture and bank account were being levied upon. I prevailed upon the gentlemen to allow the matter to rest until I had time to look into it.

Well Abt. 500 ft. Drilling in red shale - abt 15 ft. per day. Drillers encouraged. Returned to Salt Lake on Orem Ry. in evening.

Wednesday 13:

Forenoon, routine at office. P.M. met stockholders Clawson and Ballantyne who after a long explanation of conditions, thought my plan for raising funds a good one, and made a date to visit the well next Tuesday.

Thursday 14

Met Attorneys Elsmore and Clawson for Dr. Rock. They insist upon immediate payment, saying they had received such treatment from D.H.G. that they did not feel like extending any time.

Friday 15 - Gave notice of Appeal in Murray Rock case and obtained stay of Execution. Stockholders showing disposition to pay up under new Management.

Learnt that case of Dr. White v.s. Jno. C. Hou had been compromised for 1500.00 paid by Hou. Thus ends the $700000.00 suit boasted of by [illegible]

Saturday 16:
Had Attorneys prepare "Stay" bond in case Rock v.s. Geo. Oil Co., and called directors meeting for Monday.

Sunday 17:
At Dale. Had Joseph + Genora and babe with Lorraine and Charles to dinner. Finished reading Life of Wilford Woodruff which I started just one month ago. During last three months have read this and Life of John Taylor and Heber C. Kimball, besides Book of Mormon.

What grand truths and wonderful reading these books contain! My faith is strengthened and my determination to do the right and win out is built up. I do know Joseph Smith was a Prophet of God and that Mormonism is His message to the world. O, that Neil and Rose and dear sweet Lorraine could sense my feelings and have faith in the Gospel. I know the the world is ripe for destruction and that Satan's rule is nearing an end; that men must stand in holy places or they will fall. Zion will be established and the New Jerusalem will be built up and Jesus will rule over his Kingdom. Great and fearful are the decrees of God and the world cannot long remain in sin. My children learn to repent and do right and look to God for all blessings. Cease light mindedness and humble yourselves, for the haughty and proud and those who do wickedly must fall and God's judgments will begin at home, and trouble will be the results.

Monday 18: Held meeting of Board of Geo. Oil Co. Elected Geo. Stowell as director. Held sale of delinquent stock. Directors pledged their support to my policies.

In evening attended meeting of four groups holding contracts for Manufacturing rights and Sales agencies for Nathaniel Baldwin, Incorporated. Decided to make an effort to have all contracts covering foreign rights amalgamated. Committee appointed from each of four groups to meet Wednesday to go over our contracts.

Tuesday 19:
Busy with letter to stockholders.

Wednesday 20:
Met with Jos. R. Murdock, T. J. Yates, Geo. Budd and Mr. Harmsen to go over Baldwin Radio Contracts. I acted as Secretary. Bro. Murdock and Bemmon promised to count me in with our interest in their contract.

Went to Spanish Fork evening to go to well tomorrow early. Ordered Car of Mine run from Utah Fuel Co. for the well.

Proof read letters to stockholders. Also decided to have excursion to well next Wednesday and on following Sunday for all who cannot go in week days. Want our stockholders to all see what we are doing. A better feeling is already existing among them. We are regaining their confidence.

Thursday 21

Visited Well. Drilled 3 ft. in 1¼ hours. Stem bent. Necessary to send it in Salt Lake to be straightened. Had long talk with drillers about cost of well to date and urged speeding up.

Hired Blackett to haul coal at $2 75/100 per ton.

Bit bringing up a little oil at about 560 ft. Bailings show oil.

Returned home on Orem Electric.

Friday 22: Joe's birthday – 14 years old.

Took her to a very poor picture show in LeGrand Ward. She's as sweet as pie. Wife Ellis rented rooms to 5 Hawaiians – U. of U. students – 300.00 for 10 months. Got pay in advance. She's a wonder.

Got 850 letters off to stockholders of Gas. Oil Co.

Saturday 23:

Yesterday had confidential talk with Bro. Jos. R. Murdock. He wants me to stay with the oil proposition and work it out. If it fails he wants me to assist in his irrigation projects.

Cleaning up desk today.

Sunday 24:

Sunday School LeGrand Ward. Visiting with Lorraine and Mother.

Monday 25:

Got 150 letters off to delinquent stockholders in re. of Asst. [illegible] the driller was in and got stem straightened. Took up matter of Forest Dale Loans with Western Loan & Bldg Co.

Tuesday 26

Jos. R. Murdock left for California on irrigation scheme.

Held Meeting 8 A.M. with Yates, Murdock & Hasamoto on Baldwin Radio matter. Hasamoto concluded to dispose. Yates & Murdock groups decide to amalgamate.

Wednesday 27:

Got out letter to Old delinquents of Gas. Oil Co. trying to get them to reinstate. – In hands of printer. Also following up collections.

Behling & I signed bond of 300.00 to cover costs in Gas. Oil Co. case with Murray Rock.

Sunday October 1:

Very busy at office during last three days. Prepared for Excursion to well on 1st. Left Salt Lake 8 A.M. Had about 75 at well. Showed sand outcrop & oil seeps. All very much enthused. Took Mary, Naomi & Mr. Ben Hite of Western Mineral Survey, Harden & Mrs. Bennion taking us in their car.

Took wife Mary & daughter Blanche to Pantages.

Tuesday 3:

As drillers were having trouble at the well I stayed to help. Took turn at firing while Terry repaired Company Auto. I also fixed the drinking spring so it will not continue contaminated by the live stock grazing in the field. Returned home via Orem Ry.

Wednesday 4:
Busy at office. Arranged with Western Mineral Review to send paper to 1000 of our Stockholders for 3 Mos. at 25¢ each. They to feature our Company each week, beginning next Saturday.

Attended Meeting of our friends at home of Bro. Willard Young on Bryan Avenue and bore my testimony to divinity of every principle of Gospel including Plural Marriage and United Order.
Israel Barlow had charge of meeting. Wife Ellis was with me.

Thursday 5:
Paying off bills and getting out financial Statement for Company for September.

Friday 6:

Attended Conference - Morning Session. Pres. Grant spoke on observance of law, counseling the saints to keep all the laws of the land and specially those pertaining to Prohibition and Cigarettes.
Elder B. H. Roberts also spoke -

Held Director's Meeting of Gas. Oil Co. and rendered my first monthly Report. Board sustained all my actions.

Saturday 7.
Got letters off to stockholders who visited well. Also Mailing list for Western Mineral Review.
Attended morning session of Conference and in afternoon took Wife Mary, Blanche

Grandma's Boy. I stayed only a short time having other matters to look after.

Sunday 8: Attended both sessions of Conference in Tabernacle, and enjoyed the same immensely.

Met Bro. J. J. Fields, of Ammon, Idaho. He had just been telling some parties of a prediction I made to him some 22 years ago, when he resided at Hunter. They were poor people in that Ward and were making almost the supreme sacrifice to build a meeting house. I Was being entertained by Bro. Fields. He apologized for lack of room, saying he only had 3 rooms and a small plot of land. I said "Never mind Bro. Fields, for your faithfulness the day will come when for each room you now have you will have two and for each acre of land you now have you will have four". He said this had been literally fulfilled. Was offered $40.000 for his Idaho farm. After relating the circumstance he looked around and saw me and was greatly surprised.

Monday 9:
Routine Work at office.

Helped Lorraine, who is taking in some boarders, get furnace in shape. Dear Sweet girl, she is making a brave struggle and she deserves success. God help her. She is the acme of sweetness, gentleness and real genuine worth. And like her is her sister Ruth who has been sick for last two or three days. O, how I love my children

Sunday 15:

Left for Well Tuesday morning. Spent Wed. & Thurs. there. Stainbrook had put 105 ft. of rock in it to straighten the hole. Friday & Sat. at office. Got letter to stockholders in hands of Printer.

Sunday - Ruth sick at home. Visited with Ile and Lorraine.

Mary received her endowments in S. L. Temple Oct. 13, preparatory to being married on 18th.

Monday 16: Word from Well was to effect hole had been straightened and drilling resumed. Good news.

Tuesday 17: Held Board meeting of Gus. Oil Co. D.H.G. insisted on receiving credit to cover his back assessment amounting to some 700.00 I opposed it. After a heated controversy, in which it was suggested the Company make some concession to me also, and which I resented, the Board voted no on the proposition.

Wednesday: Got off letter of Oct. 16 - 800 to stockholders.

Daughter Mary was married to Cleo Datell Wright at high noon in S. L. Temple, by Apostle Geo. F. Richards. Cleo was born at Salt Lake City Sept. 9 - 1893. Father's name Joseph W. and mother's name Kindness Badger. Held reception at farm - About 250 present. A most pleasant and successful affair.

Thursday 19:

Got word from Stainbrook he had struck some oil in Well No. 3. He felt much encouraged.

Friday 20:

Accompanied by D.H. Gustaveson, C.J. Gustaveson, Joseph Behling and John Cherrill, I visited Well at Diamond Fork, and saw very good showing of green oil on bailer, bit and in tailings. Gathered some. Came in in about 6 ft. lime sand, then the bit broke thru into red formation. Beautiful day. Had venison and wild duck for dinner prepared at Well by Mrs. Terry. Home by 6 P.M.

Saturday 21:

Dear, Sweet Lorraine received word from Haiti that her husband, from whom she had separated, but not divorced, had been drowned while boating at Haiti. He has paid the penalty for taking my daughter away from me. She is wonderful. She never complains or troubles others with her sorrows. This last tragedy is a sorrow unto her but she will not admit it. A grander, sweeter, purer, more self sacrificing, gentler or more refined girl doesn't grace the earth. O God, my dear Father, touch her by the power of thy spirit and comfort her heart. Care for the widow and orphan and bring rejoicings to their hearts. They are a part of my life and very being. I love them devotedly.

Sunday 22 - Attended Sunday S. at LeGrand Ward & spent day with folks at Yale. Took Lorraine some things from Dale. Ruth still quite sick. Her condition

Monday 23:
Preparing letter to Stockholders of F. O. Co. about strike of oil.

Tuesday 24: Drillers were in and report the hole still in bad condition. Held Board meeting and decided to begin drilling with 8" bit with a view to getting hole straightened.

Wednesday 25: Getting out letters (mailing) to stockholders, about 800.
Heard Hon. William J. Bryan talk on Democratic Politics at Orpheum at Noon. To a friend at Provo he had made the remark that Theodore Roosevelt was the greatest man in America since Lincoln. This shows broadness. His general attitude was that of liberality and breadth.

Thursday 26:
Routine at office. Left in evening for Spanish Fork and Diamond.

Friday 27:
Met drillers. They had abandoned idea of correcting the hole with 8" bit. We hauled 3 loads of gravel and put in filling it up to 485 ft. - abt. 140 ft. to drill out again with the hope of catching a shoulder and straightening the hole.

Saturday 28:
Drilling out hole. Quite stormy all day. Some snow on the surrounding hills. First snow was shown on 13th according to drillers.
Was suffering intensely with stomach trouble.

Sunday 29:
Continued drilling until 3 P.M. Returned to Salt Lake.

Monday 30:
Remained at home recruiting up.

Tuesday 31:
Routine at office. Very busy with mail.

November

Wednesday 1:
Busy at office and also getting Ellis (wife) off for Los Angeles, Cal. She goes there to participate in oil excitement at Santa Fe Springs - Mr. Wallace & Jenkins put up $300.00 Expenses for trip. Murdock & Hirsch bot 25 acres at $10.000.00 per Acre. Excitement is high. Ellis is again showing her wonderful devotion and pluck by helping carry the financial burden. God bless & help her. Aunt Mary, the dear old soul, is coming to look after things in absence of Ellis.

Heavy snow & rain storm in evening.

Thursday 2:
Heavy snow all day. Getting out letter to stockholders who have not yet responded.

Friday 3:
Routine at office.

Saturday 4:
Signed about 500 letters (No. 3.) for stockholders, appealing for funds. Took Milton to Pantages and enjoyed the show. Running quite good.

Sunday 5: Visited dear, sweet Lorraine at 81 D. St. She is looking fine. Gained about 20 pounds in last two months since her new occupation. Charles is doing fine also.
Also visited with Dale children and enjoyed myself immensely. Ruth is still sick but is feeling better. She is such a brave, sweet girl. I pray for her complete recovery.

Yesterday as I started down Main St. when opposite Z.C.M.I., I was prompted to disobey traffic regulations and cross over, I know not why. Having crossed, I met my son Joseph, whom I wanted to see, and pleasant chat with him. My guardian angel prompted me to cross to see him. Truly the Lord's ways are wonderful.

Monday 6:
Left for Diamond Fork in Company's Car, taking Pat Holohan to Camp to finish the well. Supplied at Spanish Fork and went to Whitings Ranch in car. From there up in wagon. Snow pretty much melted, but roads bad. Terry moved out of Cabin and Pat moved in. I am occupying the Other Bunk.

Tuesday 7:
A beautiful day at Camp. Warm and clear. The night most wonderful with the heavens litterally ablaze with stars. Spent day making paths with Cinders,

mud, while Pat was testing out hole. It was supposed to be crooked, and the former drillers didn't appear to understand it, but Pat thinks it is all right, only they have been troubled with a gumbo mud they didn't understand. I believe we will now get some real work done. Sebree hopes so. I pray the Lord for wisdom and understanding always that I might succeed in this work!

We fixed up a nice office and bunk room in the cabin I am occupying, so I can get good rest at night and have clear thinking in the day. Am learning what I can about drilling, as this oil work seems to be my job for some time to come.

Election day. Couldn't vote. Dont matter much anyway the way we are run by politicians. Of course every citizen should value his franchise privileges. I do mine but am sick and tired of the way the Government is run by both of the National parties. Principles are different, but men in office are pretty much alike.

Wednesday 8:
Went to Spanish Fork in Company Car for supplies. Remained there all night, as roads to heavy to get back by late.

Thursday 9:
Milder Weather. Thot roads would be frozen, but not. Off for Camp at 8 A.M. Chains on Car at Haye's Ranch. Tried to make hill to Camp but failed. Went back to Whitings & had him team stuff up, while I walked about two miles.

475 ft. with gravel crammed with timber, which he was drilling on to get rid of a rock bump which Stambro's failed to break.

Friday 10:
Snowing & Sunshine. Fixed up Stove in drilling house for warmth. Also ~~see~~ put roofing on the two Camp Cabins to stop leaks. Pat changed drilling line, end for end, as the used end was being badly worn. The line is 1500 ft. long. Had Whiting's team to pull line off reel. Drilling progressing hopefully.

Saturday 11:
Left Camp about 10 A.M. for town. Mud on road very bad. Walked to Whitings. Found battery in Car run down completely so car could not be started. Walked down to Hays' ranch, and got a ride with Miss Hays in Wagon to Thistle. Home on R.G.W. Ry. arriving about 6:30. Found all well.

Sunday 12: Snowing part of day and very windy and cold. Looked over mail at office and with Yale kiddies all day.

Monday 13:
Busy at office all day

Tuesday 14:
Getting out pay roll checks and miscellaneous Correspondence.

3 Wednesday 15:
Took 6 A.M. train for Spanish Fork. Met Rodney Shelley whom we have engaged as Cook at Camp.

Got Car fixed up with rented Battery at Whitings and made it to Camp, riding as far as Whitings with Terry.

Found works shut down a/c. broken injector and other fittings needed. Sent Glen Holihan to Spanish Fk. in Car, and from there to Salt Lake to get needed supplies.

Pat reports hole straight and in good condition. He had re-arranged much of piping systems to guard against draining during cold winter nights.

Thursday 16:

Odd jobs at Camp, awaiting return of Glen.

Friday 17:
Glen returned at noon with fittings. We put them on and steamed up.

Saturday 18.
Glen sick a-bed. Pat, Rodney and I took hand plates off boiler and cleaned out about a bushel of Mud and scale. Put on blow off valve and other small jobs. Water tank only about 2/3 enough to fill boiler, so had to carry water several rods from pump. The boiler reminds me of a flock of elephants such as we used to carry water to at the circus.

Glen sick in Camp.

Sunday 19:
Pat started regular drilling. Brought Glen in to consult with a Physician, arriving home about 5 P.M. All well. Grandma taking charge of children. No food in house.

Monday 20:
Choring at home in morning. At office in P.M. - D.H. Gustaveson left for California to engage in business there.

Tuesday 21:

Case of F.O. Buell vs. myself, Barr and D.H. Gustaveson, set for trial. Am preparing my evidence. We are pleading Statutes of Limitations. I don't like to do it, but I consider the debt an unjust one, and have offered a liberal Compromise which Mr. B. has refused, so in self protection, I am defending myself the best I can. Case went over until tomorrow.

Wednesday 22:
In court all day. Represented by Baldwin Robertson of firm of Ball, Musser and Robertson. Buell represented by E Walton law firm. Think a good case made out on my behalf, but fear Gustaveson may lose. He was so careless in giving in his evidence, so as to rush off to California, I am afraid he tripped himself up. At last moment, and without reason, he attempted to change his attorneys by wire. The attempt failed, but the case was correspondingly damaged.

Attended meeting at home of Bro. Israel

efficacy of prayer in keeping a good spirit and admonished the brethren and sisters to pray for the authorities in sincerity and the Lord would bless them and open the eyes of their understanding. I myself had experienced it.

Bro. Juan C. Woolley, speaking of the views among our people regarding being lawabiding, showed that while the constitutionality of the Edmunds-Tucker law was decided in 1879, as late as 1889, brethren were put under oath by Apostle Jos. Fielding Smith and others, promising to enter into polygamy at first possible chance. Two of the brethren Thos. J. and Walter Steed, were thus bound and instructed, and as soon as they accomplished it, they were handled by their other brethren.

The spirit of the meeting was to remain firm and faithful, leaving judgment to the Lord, and standing squarely for all the principles of the Gospel.

Thursday 23:

Ellis returned from Santa Fe Springs, California. She procured two leases, one near the Murdock lease which he paid $10.000= per acre for, while she is to pay $4000= per acre. It is an exceptional chance to make good.

Busy at office all day.

Friday 24:

Left with Ellis in Company Car for Diamond. Stopped at Spanish Fork & left car for repairs.

Saturday 25:

Reached Well by 10:30 A.M. Pat has had considerable trouble by cave-ins and is bailing out the fill put in by Stainbrook.

Ed. Watson, Geologist for Utah Oil & Ref. Co. with Prof. Palmer of Price, Utah, visited Camp. I took them over the oil sands & lime outcroppings, south west of the well, and Watson freely expressed wonderment at the oil showing. He thinks it is the Pennsylvania lime that shows

Sunday 26:

Spent most of day exploring. Found fossils south and east of Well, and discovered oil seep east of well. Drilling progressing favorably, except that the water well plays out early in the afternoon. We may have to haul water.
Beautiful weather.

Monday 27:

Terry brought Company's car to camp.

Left for home about 11 A.M. Terry accompanying. We stopped off at Provo to look up title on Gudmundsen land, which we found O.K. as to all minerals. Reached office 3 P.M.

Tuesday 28:

~~Routine~~ At home all day, helping while Ellis was working on her lease matter.

Wednesday 29:

Routine at office. Got relinquishment from old Bro. [illegible] of 18 1/3% royalty which he was retaining on his Redmountain lease, He now retains 15% only, which he divides 1/3 to The Church, 1/3 to Dave and 1/3 to myself. This applies only on the first commercial well on Redmountain lease.

Thursday 30:

Thanksgiving day. Spent day with all children, Joseph & Susanna families being present. A delightful time.

I am thankful every day in the year; Am particularly grateful to the Lord for the Gospel of Jesus Christ and for my wife and children. God help me to be worthy of them at all time and to be humble and meek before Him. Heavy snow storm last night and today.

December 1922

Friday 1:

Storm cleared away, but cloudy. Routine at office. Am greatly worried over financial matters. My salary only partly takes care of my running expenses and am being pressed night and day for money for my creditors and families.

Wife Ellis quite sick with bad throat again. It always happens when she indulges herself in her [illegible] "spirits". O, that she could be moderate. Temperance is a wonderful principle - Temperance in all things - work, play, eating and drinking, spending, sleeping. I believe in a big

Saturday 2:

Left for Spanish Fork in afternoon, stopping at farm - Mill Creek during night!

Sunday 3:

Left farm for Spanish. Considerable trouble with car. Towed in to [illegible]. Had Carburetor cleaned. Worked better to Spanish. No Coal on Diamond Switch as yet.

Monday 4:

Took Mr. Hamilton, a prospective stockholder to well. Tracy stood while H. & I pushed the car up the hill to the well. Roads very bad. He was very much impressed with our prospect. Found [illegible] of coal. Not drilling. Returned to Springville & arranged with Blackett to haul some coal from Spanish Fork.

Tuesday 5:

Visited Camp again today. Went up with car without chains or help so improved were the roads. Blackett hauling 4 loads of coal out.

Returned to Salt Lake, considerable car trouble on route.

Wednesday 6:

Learn that little Helen has mild case of diphtheria. F. Street home quarantined.

Board meeting at 11 A.M. Declared office of President vacant &c. [illegible] to be a stockholder. As two

Vice President & Gen. Mgr. and Joseph Behling Secy. & Treas. Exec. Committee - Jos T. White, Joseph R. Murdock & myself.

My salary was increased to $250.00 with the understanding I purchase an Auto. and charge Company on milage basis for actual service, the Company to let me trade in its car as part payment on Auto. Contemplate getting Chevrolette, Cheap car, but all right until I can afford a better one

Thursday 7:

[illegible]. Busy at routine matters, getting out letter to stockholders & Applications for permission to sell stock at [illegible]

Yesterday wife Ellis decided to let Bro. Romney & Farnsworth handle her 13 acre lease at Santa Fe Springs. They paid her $300.00 cash, 1/3 interest in lease; They get 1/3 & Jenkins & Wallace gets

Mrs. Hamm-stenographer, gave notice she would have to quit Company by Dec. 20:

Friday 8:

Working on Application for permission to sell stock. Also took up with Nephi Gudmundson question of waiving annual rent of 500.00 on lease we are drilling. He claims his taxes have been increased & his chances of renting his farm lessened since our drilling began, but is disposed to be reasonable & will confer with me later.

Saturday 9:

Routine at Office—
P.M. took screens off Yale Ave. home

Sunday 10:

Spent day visiting & comforting my sick. Saw Agnes, who is suffering from Tubercular troubles and she relates Annie's condition in Oregon. Also visited farm where Helen is recovering from Diptheria. Spent evening with daughter Mary on 33rd So & West Temple. She is making a model little wife & housekeeper.

Monday 11:

Closed negotiations for 5 Acre lease in Santa Fe Springs from wife Ellis for Ucalanian Oil Co. through Dr. Jos. T. White & Jos. R. Murdock, of Executive Committee and Joseph Behling, Treasurer & Secy. Price 5000.00 2500 in stock at 4¢ & 2500.00 in Cash on installment plan.

Having letter to Stockholders printed.
Looking for Automobile.

Tuesday 12:

Got out Agreement & had it executed for purchase of 5 Acres Santa Fe Springs.
Also long Article for Western Mineral Survey
Also Special announcement to go to our stockholders. Also signed some 900 letters.

Wednesday 13:

Got off letters to our 1000 stockholders dated Dec. 7. Also negotiating for Automobile. Terrific snow storm. Commenced in evening, starting in spell of rain & ending in snow, about 8 o'Clock

11 Thursday 14:
Working on new California lease and Collection app.
Snowing most of day.
Glen Came in on fishing job. Jar locked & cant move string of tools. Must have new jars, rope socket & bail. Wired Big Six at Moab for them on loan.

Friday 15:
Stormy all day, but mild.
Stenographer home sick.
Routine at office. Letters to delinquent stockholders.

Saturday 16:
Trying to get fishing tools for Pat. Cant get shipment from Moab until Tuesday. Answered letter for Bro. Murdock to D.H. Gustaveson, wherein Dave berated us both for dropping him as President of Company.

Sunday 17:
Pleasant day. Visited Geneva and Dale kiddies. Attended meeting in Dale in evening.
Visited Sweet Lorraine last evening. She is not making go of boarding house, tho she is working hard. Decided to offer house for rent furnished.

Monday 18:
Pleasant all day.
- Had conference with Jas. T. Clark who pronounced the blessings of the Lord upon me and my efforts. Told of his dream regarding Pres. Grant trying to oppose him and being obliterated.

Completed application to State 17 Securities Commission for permission to sell stock.
Got out letters to delinquent stockholders Saturday. Sister Munson moved into basement at 1264 Yale. Ollie has invited her to come as she has lost her home in Bountiful.

Tuesday 19:
Routine at office.

Wednesday 20
Doing Xmas shopping.
Mrs. Hamm quit Company's employ.
Got Phone from Glen Holihan that sickness at home compelled him to come & he wanted some money. I phoned his wife and ascertained the report was untrue. He was shamming for Xmas holidays.

Thursday 21:

Left for Diamond with Company's old Car. Had engine troubles before getting out of City. Reaching Sp. Fork I succeeded in trading in old Car for 175^{00} on new Chevrolet. difference being, Cash 25^{00} & 484^{20} in 12 installments. I appreciate the blessings of the Lord in being permitted to have a car again.

Friday 22:

Made the Canyon in new Car without trouble. Near Hayes met Rodney coming down for rope cutter at Castilla. I turned back & got it. Arriving at Camp, rope knife was discovered cracked, so I returned to Sp. Fork to have same welded

Very rough, in places almost impassible.

Saturday 23:
Returned to camp with rope cutter. Found it would not work. It was made to cut manila rope & will not work on a wire line.

We proceeded to try and jar the tools lose by sending down another string with a spudder, first drilling out about 10 ft. of fill. Had to unwind the wire line & put on manila cable to handle new tools. Had a great deal of lifting during day and toward evening, while lifting a 150# wrench, I slipped and sprained my back rendering myself useless for further work.

Sunday 24:

Lying down most of day with bad back. Pat working to get tools out of well. Glen returned to camp on foot, leg weary and broken in spirit. We welcomed him back to camp.

Monday 25
Christmas morning. My back had improved sufficient to enable me to start for home. Left about 10 A.M., just as a hard snow storm was starting. Before getting out of canyon was in terrific blizzard. Hung up twice in deep ruts and snow banks. Pulled out once with team. Picked up foreigner on foot, nearly froze, walking from Thistle to Salt Lake. Warmed him up and brought him to Salt Lake & gave him $1.00 for a meal & made him to rejoice. I had and wet & chilled through from exposure in snow in Canyon.

Tuesday 26.

Back so bad I stayed home all day. Learnt wife Mary had had another attack of gall stones last Wednesd night, from which she is still weak, but much improved.

Wednesday 27
Got to office short time. Visited Lorraine & Dale folks. Still sore and stiff.

Thursday 28

Much improved. Big day at office, cleaning up past business. Spent evening at Farm.
Day fair & pleasant until night when it rained.

As usual, my children remembered me with Xmas token in many ways. They seem to still love me.

Dreamed of very important meeting with my loved Marion whom circumstances have so badly treated.

Friday 29:
Sent Pat to Crescent to get fishing tools of Eagle, Crescent Oil Co. or from Utah Oil & Ref. Co. at Price.
Routine at Office.
Back improving

Saturday: 30:
Day comes in with heavy snow storm.
Routine at office.

Sunday 31:
15 Terrific snow storm and blizzard. Had difficulty getting from farm to Ogden.

January 1923

Monday 1:

Spent most of day at office working on books - stockholder list. In afternoon assisting Lorraine to find a new house, one smaller and more in keeping with less requirements.

Spent evening at the Dales.

The new year finds me still struggling over financial problems. Struggling almost against light and hope. When will this struggle be over? What a terrible thing it is to spend a life time merely earning a living, and then to have ones loved ones for whom one is working every moment of the time, only half satisfied. How terrible it is to have some rich and some poor among you, with no unity at all. God did not so intend it. It was not meant to be so. Through our own weaknesses we have fallen from grace, as it were, and seem to be stumbling along, without compass or rudder. May the Lord help us to get back in the right course, and may 1920 witness progress among the people and particularly in my own family. God keep me to grow more humble + meek and to be guided continuously by his spirit.

Tuesday 2:

Got new Stenographer, Miss Jones. Cleaning up odds + ends, paying bills &c. Desk clean + [illegible].

Wednesday 3:

Wife Ellie left on 6:50 P.M. train for Los Angeles to look after [illegible] and get bill matters straightened up.

Working until 12:30 A.M. on books getting new mailing list completed, with proper addresses &c.

Got word from Madsen that he had moved out of our Villa on 1st. It is now empty.

Thursday 4:

Working on stockholder's list, also getting out letters. Arranged with Jr. R. Murdoch to use 304 room for private work. Worked on books until 12 P.M. at home, where Sam, bless him, awoke and demanded that I go to bed. He is a wonder in his love and devotion for his parents. He pays for all the hard knocks of the day.

Slight snow during day.

Friday 5:

Routine at office.

In evening attended meeting at home of Nathan Clark of Bountiful. Assembled with Bro. Alder, Hansen, Clark + myself + some splendid sisters. Bore testimony to the Gospel and counseled them fervently to sustain the leaders of the Church as loyally as possible. Pray for them.

After Meeting went to Ogden, stopping with Oscar Clausen.

Saturday 6:

Presented matter of delinquent stock in G. Oil Co. which must be paid for by 10th to several stockholders + had them take hold of it. At night attended Ogden Theater with the Clausen family, - "Under [illegible]

Sunday 7:

Returned home. Word from Pat he has recovered part of tools, & must have 750 ft. hoisting cable before can do anything with balance. Got in touch with several dealers & located some for tomorrow.

Visited Grandma Aliff and Clarice Turner with Sister Monson & kiddies. Beautiful spring day.

Monday 8:

Wife Ellis returned from California having met with measure of success there. Lucile quite sick with sore throat.

Routine work at office, notifying delinquent stockholders. Sent hoisting wire & supplies to Pat at well.

Tuesday 9:

Very busy at office all day. Got out assignment of Calif. lease for Company. Worked until 1:30 A.M. on stockholders books finally completed.

Wednesday 10:

Busy day at office collecting assessments and writing letters. Conference with Secy. of Securities Commission. Meeting with Exec. Committee, approving title to Santa Fe lease & authorizing payment of cash & stock in accordance with the contract.

Having ideal spring weather - sunshine - No snow & no [illegible]

Thursday 11:

Routine at office. Permit to sell stock at 5¢ granted by Securities Commission, a matter for congratulations as we have worked hard to obtain.

Friday 12

Routine at office. Very busy. Snowed lightly during night.

Saturday 13:

Moved Lorraine from 81 St. St. to Forest Dale. She has made a heroic effort to make a go of keeping lodgers, but has failed on the financial end of it. However the experiment has enabled her to be with her son, which is adequate compensation, both to her and to her son, for the cost of the trial.

Routine at office. Getting out data for stockholders letter.

Attended Pantages with Blanche in evening, then to Dale.

Sunday 14:

Visiting with Mother, Aunt Eliza, Joseph and the Dale. Attended Ward Conference in Dale, stopping with Joseph at night.

Monday 15:

Routine work in morning. Left for Sp. Fork about 4 P.M.

Tuesday 16:

Left for well 10 A.M. Heavy snow in canyon. Got as far as Whiting's, on the turn to the well, walked balance of distance, about one mile. Pat had just got hold of tools with slips and were jarring up on them. About 2 P.M. he brought them out of the well, ending a week fishing job. Everybody was elated. Returned to Diamond for supplies and for [illegible] to drag tools out of ways.

Wednesday 17:

Returned to Diamond at 10 A.M.

up the hill to the well. Spent day cleaning drilling tower, by dragging a tile out. Also preparing letter to stockholders. Weather beautiful and mild.

Thursday 18:

Assisting in putting casing in well, 6" Got about 700 ft. in by 2 P.M. when I returned to Spanish Fork. Had Auto. people go over car for adjustments in evening.

Friday 19:

Returned home, stopping at Provo to have 6" bit shipped to Salt Lake for repairs. Found all O.K. at home.

Rearranging office. Had Earnest to Dr. Stevenson for consultation. Weather mild.

Saturday 20:

Routine work at office.

Dr. White left for Honolulu on a pleasure trip.

Had reception at Yale home for Grandma Shipp. 76th birthday. About 18 of her children & grandchildren present.

Sunday 21

Spent day at Dale and Yale. Evening with Bro. Hector Monson.

Monday 22-

Working on Ad. for sale of stock.

Took Grandma Shipp & Ellis to see "Gold Diggers" at S.L. Theatre.

Tuesday 23:

11:00 meeting of directors at [illegible]

Got off for Spanish Fork with Oscar Clawson to visit well & inspect Whiting Ranch.

Weather splendid-like spring.

Wednesday 24:

Raining slightly at Sp. Fork when we left for [illegible]. At mouth of canyon it turned to snow, until at mouth of Diamond, we could see nothing scarcely, the road being entirely obliterated. Had to shovel our way back on road three times by reaching Whitings, where we took bobs for the well.

Found Pat hung up for a small piece of casing to set in well. 640 ft. in well. Returning to Sp. Fork, the weather was like Summer. Arranged for Hales to go out with his team and take some supplies Coke etc. Also Blacksmith Moore with his welding outfit. Arranged at Provo for cutting and threading of pipes. Arrived in Salt Lake in snow storm—wet and drizzling rain & snow, at 6 P.M. Got out articles for News paper.

Thursday 25:

Snowing all day. Storm pretty much covers the State.

Busy with letters to stockholders and Ads. for Saturday paper.

Friday 26-

Storming.

Got 1000 letters to stockholders in mail

Saturday 27:

Routine at office.

Took Mary, Naomi, Ruth & Lorraine to see Harry Lauder at S.L. Theatre. Ellis went to

Sunday 28:
Spent day on farm. Meeting at Mill Creek.
Blowing and snowing badly.

Monday 29:
Routine at office.

Tuesday 30:
Snowing & cold.
Posting up books of United Standard Oil Co. in evening. Office routine during day.

Wednesday 31:
Same as above.

Thursday Feby. 1:
Snowing all day.
Report from Pat. thinks we are on the cap rock. Very busy at office.
Attended Basket Ball game with Lorraine, Ruth and friends L.D.S. Gym. L.D.S. & West side - 36 to 38 favor [illegible]

Friday 2:
Went to Spanish Fork in my car. Snow around the point very deep. Difficult to get through.

Saturday 3.
Got loan of water tank, set of bobs, and arranged with Hales for team. Also got 150 fire brick for forge. Bit not having arrived from Salt Lake we were compelled to remain over.

Sunday 4
Left about 9 A.M. with two teams and bobs, tank, bar, brick, bit and other

top in places. Approaching the mouth of the canyon, about 8 miles distance, the wind was so severe and cold that even the horses could scarcely navigate. I think it was the coldest experience of my life. Found Pat and boys drilling but they cursed with the weather and water shortage, and very hopeful of bringing in good well. Arrived there about 1 P.M. & away at 3 - Home at 8 P.M.

Monday 5:
Entertaining a large number of stockholders and getting out letters for mail tomorrow. Clear and cold.

Tuesday 6:
Very cold.
Got out 1000 letters in mail to stockholders.

Wednesday 7:
Weather modifying. Snow melting some. Attended funeral & furnished Aut. for Anna Smart, daughter of Pres. Wm H. Smart. She died at Provo after [illegible] Wife Ellen, Sister J. R. Murdock & Sister Jacobs accompanied me to City Cemetery.
Busy at office. Ad. for paper. Article for Emery & [illegible].

Thursday 8:
Routine at office.

Friday 9:
Water pipes at Yale froze up after severe East wind.
Prepared map of Diamond property & looking into titles. Took Ruth & wife Rose

183 Saturday 10:
Very busy at office entertaining stockholders &c. Milder weather!
Took Lorraine, Emma & Ruth to see the Flirt at Kinema.

Sunday 11:
Spent day at Dell, attending meeting with children in the evening

Monday 12:
Lincoln's Birthday. Spent day at office - Fixing up deeds for Terry. Also cleaning up back business and receiving money from Stockholders.
Terrific wind - Snow drifts tied up 50 Autos. bet. Salt Lake & Bountiful, and road at point of Mountain South blockaded with snow.
Glen Pland was taking the tin bits back from [illegible].

Tuesday & Wednesday 13-14.
Heavy days at office with stockholders. Weather moderating

Thursday 15:
Very busy at office - Last day of Special Sale at 14 per share.

Friday 16 Left for Diamond on 10:30 A.M. train. Arriving at Diamond Switch, I met Jim Whiting on horse back. He proffered me his horse to ride to camp, he following later with the coal teams. Found Glen sick, Rodney hauling water and Pat drilling & firing too. Made 18 ft. today, only 7 yesterday.
Finished coal hauling today. Weather quite

Saturday 17. 184
Left Camp 8:30 with coal teams. At Spanish at 12 M. Met Whiting there, & obtained an option on their ranch 440 A. @ $8000.00 including machinery, 60 head of cattle &c.
Arrived home on Orem Ry. Abt. 6 P.M.
Wrote letter to stockholders bef leaving office for home.

Sunday 18.
Spent pleasant day at Yale - S. [illegible] at LeGrand Ward.

Monday 19.
Very busy at office. Had Mr. Shaw come in from L.D.S. Business College to help out. Weather moderating

Tuesday 20.
Routine at office.
Hales in from Sp. Fork for settlement for coal haulers.
Took Wife May, & daughters Mary, Naomi and Blanche to see Robin Hood at Pantages -

Wednesday 21.
Very busy at office cleaning up mail and back business. Pat came in from Well to get some tools.

Thursday 22:
At Office with Pat. trying to get line on tools for Well.
Took Wife Ellis to see Robin Hood in afternoon and in evening attending Ward Reunion in LeGrand Ward with Wife Ellis, Sister [illegible], mother of Blanche, after which with Ellis, [illegible]

in Wilford Ward along with a number of our returned friends. Enjoyed the occasion immensely. After party, took Bro. Cowley home with his wife.

Friday 23:

Very busy at office all day. With Pat. and other matters. Board Voted to take over option on Whiting Ranch.

In evening had very pleasant Communion with Bro. & Sister Alder.

Also attended meeting of Directors of United Standard Oil Co.

Saturday 24:

With Pat all day hunting Under-Reamer & Pipe. Having hard time to get Under-Reamer.

Sunday 25

Spent day at Farm attending meeting at Mill Creek. Heavy snow fell during day, and melted rapidly.

Coming home from S. School, Milton was run over by an Auto. Truck, and miraculously escaped death, with only slight injury. He smilingly walked home. Praise God from whom all blessings flow. I cannot understand why I should be so blessed, and I am so grateful.

Monday 26:

Wife Ellis quite sick with pleurisy.
Routine at office.
Weather fair & cold.

Tuesday 27:

Ellis still sick - Daughter Ruth has another attack of Appendicitis and Gall trouble. Operation said to be necessary. I dread it. Do not think God meant our daughters to be butchered. May the Lord help us to have faith to be healed naturally.

Ordered Underreamer from Oil Co. at Long Beach. 512= with Extra Cutters & dressing blade

Wednesday 28

Beautiful day.

Working on Maps & literature of Company for stock campaign.

Wife Ellis & daughter Ruth still quite sick.

Attended meeting at night at residence of Bro. Young on Elizabeth St. and bore strong testimony to Gospel.

Thursday March 1.

Lovely day. Ellis better and out.

Long Conference with Thomas H. Thompson and Oscar Clawson about organizing. Company to handle the Thompson "Combined Harrows and Levelers," Patented. They asked me to take Presidency of the Company.

Friday Mar. 2.

Threatening storm.

Busy at office.

Took Wife Mary & Blanche to Stake House where Blanche performed in a Opera-Something.

Saturday 3:
Terrific blizzard and snow storm!
Routine work at Office.

Sunday 4:
Spent day principally at Dell with daughter Ruth who is convalescing from serious sick spell.

Monday 5

Cold day.
Underreamer came from Long Beach Shops.
Working on letter to stockholders and folder for distribution

Tuesday 6.

Morning in office working on advertising matter. P.M. took Clawson and Mr. Woodland to Sp. Fork. Snow so deep around the point of Mtn. bet. Salt Lake & Utah Co. it was with difficulty we got over at all.

Wednesday 7:
Took Clawson & Woodland up Diamond to inspect Whiting Ranch. Roads frozen and but little snow. On return trip mud fearful. No mishap. Also to Under-reamer to Well. Work will be resumed tomorrow. Could get no further than Whitings with car & had to be pulled out of the snow drifts to reach the house.
Day, withal was most beautiful!

Thursday 8: Birthday. Spent day at office in usual way. Evening with Ruth in Dell

9th to 16th
Woke up on 9th with severe case of Flu or Lagrippe. In bed with high fever four days. Back to office 13th but very weak. Trying to get off letter to stockholders. Wife Ellis left for Santa Fe Springs, Calif. to look after [illegible] interests there. She left on Sunday 11th I took her to station, and had a sort of relapse.
Weather very choppy and cold.

Saturday 17:
After getting 1100 letters in mail to stockholders, went to Ogden and organized the Western Farm Implement Co. to hand the Thompson Combined Harrow and grader. Org. under declaration of Trust. J.W. Musser Pres. Thos. H. Thompson Vice Pres. & Oscar Clawson, Secy & Treas.
Terrific blizzard in A.M. Pleasant P.M.

Sunday 18:
Returned to City. Took Ruth to L.D.S. Hospital for operation tomorrow for removal of Gall bladder and appendix.
Wife Ellis returned from Santa Fe Springs Cal. having succeeded in getting her Paddison lease extended.

Monday 19.
At hospital at 7:30 Operation on Ruth began at 8:15 lasting until 9. Took out gall bladder and appendix. Drs. Middleton and Hatch performed operation. I witnessed it. Ruth held up well under the shock. She showed rare courage and nerve in taking the operating table.
Personally I am opposed to such operations. My opposition couldnt be made to count in face of the [illegible]

Ruth's Bishop. Her mother is also strong on operations. They will not take my advice or accept my leadership. Dear sweet Ruth is befogged by the difference of opinion and has acted as wisely as she could and no doubt the Lord will bless her. I love her for her purity, sweetness, gentleness, patience and devotion to her family & Church.

Many of the leading people have adopted the theory that since the Lord has blessed men with surgical ability, we should patronize them and not call upon the Lord for such blessings. I cannot accept the attitude, and to me it simply means that in another way we have lost faith in the Lord and the Gospel and prefer placing our trust in man. Presuming that the doctors were honest, and God fearing, ~~[illegible]~~ we might place greater reliance in the skill of science. But the doctors are not honest. But few of them pretend to be. They are not God-fearing. They glory in their own power. They lie and cheat. Charge extortionate prices. They grind the poor and generally diagnose cases in accordance with their financial needs. All are not thus dishonest and corrupt, but it is extremely difficult to distinguish between the good and the bad.

Then too, many of our people cannot afford the expensive operations. If the Lord has ceased to care for his own, these poor devils are out and injured, while only the wealthy, who can pay for skill, are entitled to the blessings of the Lord. Bah - on such a damnable doctrine! God has spoken with promise, and his people would do well to listen, & obey. God never intended that his people should be cut to pieces.

At the rate the people are now going, we will have no strong women to bear the children of men in the future, in the next ten years. Doctors are removing most of the vitals of women, weakening them for motherhood. They go through life weak, sallow, complaining, perhaps mother of one or two spindling children. And that is the Doctrine of the day, taught by leading brethren and sisters, Church and Bishops, while God says "If there are any sick among you let them call for the Elders, and they will anoint them & and the prayer of the faith shall heal the sick" "But if any among you have not the faith to be healed, let them be nourished in all tenderness with mild herbs, and that not administered by the hands of an enemy (for family financial gain - Nor should they be cut to pieces for every simple pain)

God bless my Ruth and rule and overrule everything for her good.

Tuesday 20.

Ruth progressing about normally.

Busy at office settling up Santa Fe Springs lease matter and other intricate matters.

Snowing freely practically all day and especially hard at night.

Wednesday 21.

Snow & Sunshine.

Ruth somewhat improved.

Wife Mary's birthday. We took supper with Joseph & Geneva. Pleasant affair. I took her to see the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse (P).

191 Thursday 22.
Heavy snow in morning.
Trying to patch up difference between Wife Ellis and the Farnsworth crowd on Santa Fe Spring leases.
Ellis left on P.M. train for Los Angeles.
Rain falling, [illegible]

Friday 23.
Very pleasant day. Ruth improving at Hospital.
Routine work at office.

Saturday 24.
Routine at office.

Sunday 25.
Left in afternoon for Sp. Fork - took Routt, Pat's boy with me.

Monday 26.
Went to well. Stuck in mud near Diamond switch with car. Dug car out for about 10 Rods. Left it at Hay's ranch and borrowed Riding pony, to ride to well, reaching there about 2 P.M.
Steam attachments on boiler has busted thru rust & Pat spent all day re-piping and replacing soft plug in Boiler. Made about 4 ft Underreaming.

Tuesday 27.
Night cold. Froze water solid in kitchen. About noon thaw began sending large stream down gulch. Snow all off South slopes; about 7 ft. deep on north slopes.
Made about 10 ft underreaming

Got stuck in mud same place. 19
Reached Sp. Fork about 6 P.M.
Stopped at Springville for night to discuss Wyoming property with Mr. Wightman.

Wednesday 28.
Stopped at Co. Recorders office at Provo to look up some titles, arriving Salt Lake about noon. Busy all afternoon at office. Got out Ad for Friday's Survey & news items.

Thursday 29.
Got out letter to stockholders & in hands of printer.
Last night I dreamed that my brother Don & I had died. We were admitted into heaven and met Father there. The meeting was joyous. I obtained permission to return to convey a message to my live kindred. In returning I fairly flew thru space - a most wonderful sensation. Had hard time getting my message across, but did it and felt a feeling of satisfaction.

Friday 30.
Routine work at office. Took Clawson & two other Ogden men to State Pen. to talk to warden about mfg. of our harrow & leveler at that institution. While he thot it a good thing, said it was not practical for his people to handle.

Saturday 31.
Mailed about 1125 letters to stockholders pleading for funds. Took wife Mame to

Sunday
April 1st

Stormy part of day.

Samuel not well. Went to Station twice for wife Ellis, but she was not on the train.

Attended Birthday party of grandson Chas. Alexander, 2 years old. Took Le, Annamae, Geneva, Lorraine, Bertha & Anna to see Ruth at hospital. Ruth's improving nicely.

Monday 2:

Warm but storming all day.

Spent day re-arranging office files &c. & cleaning up.

Tuesday 3.

Rain and sunshine.

Stockholder Mrs. Benson from Vancouver, B.C. called and I took some pains to acquaint her with oil conditions in Utah.

Working on ad for paper and report to directors and stockholders.

Took Gale Hiddles to see Jackie Coogan at American in "My Daddie."

Wednesday 4:

Rain in morning with snow. P.M. pleasant.

Took Ruth home from hospital 2 P.M. She is very weak.

Wife Mary took sick again with one of her stomache spells. After administering to her she felt better and rested quite easy.

Wife Ellis returned from her business trip to Los Angeles.

Thursday 5:

Wife Mary better, thanks to the Lord, the great and only physician, she was saved the awful pain which she has undergone previously with the gall stone trouble.

Routine work at office.

Friday 6:

Attended morning meeting of general conference, and enjoyed the occasion immensely. Pres. Grant's opening remarks, practical and sensible.

Preparing for Stockholders meeting tomorrow.

Saturday 7:

Held meeting of Board of Directors at One o'clock. Elected Rudger Clawson member of Board, vice D.H. Christensen resigned some months ago.

At Stockholders meeting had about 25 present. Not enough stock represented to elect officers, but held an informal meeting. Manager's report was received enthusiastically and he was given a unanimous vote of thanks for his past labors & confidence in the future.

The Manager, also Dr. White and others urged stockholders to get squarely behind the Company with their money and influence. Mrs. Ellis S. Musser explained the Company's holdings at Santa Fe Springs and steps that are being taken to handle same under the Syndicating plan.

Snow in morning, lovely P.M.

See Mgr's. report, for information on first 7 months of Mgment of

Sunday 8:

Attended morning session of Conference in Tabernacle with wife Ellis. Stood up for two hours, but enjoyed the meeting. Amplifiers placed at the stand controlled electrically, make it possible for the speakers to be heard in every part of the house. Announcers were also placed in front of Bureau of Information and connected with the amplifiers, so that every~~thing~~ word uttered from the speakers stand in the Tabernacle, could be heard distinctly, and was heard by some 4000 people, on the tabernacle grounds. I left Tabernacle as the last speaker was beginning, Apostle George F. Richards, and heard his remarks distinctly, even more plainly at Bureau of Information, than I could hear them in the Tabernacle.

What a wonderful discovery – a revelation from God to man. Soon the voice of truth will go forth from Zion to all the world by radio, and people in every clime shall hear the voice of the Shepherds, and the honest in heart will receive the truth, and thus will this Gospel of the Kingdom be preached to every nation, kindred, tongue and people, and then shall the end come.

The Winding up scene is near at hand and the Lord will cut his work short in righteousness, in order that all flesh shall not be destroyed, for at the rate the people are flocking into the ways of Babylon now, unless checked by the power of God, in a few years there will be no faith left in the earth and Satan's rule would triumph. But God will not permit it. So stand in Holy places and see the salvation of

In afternoon listened to the Tabernacle services from the announcer at the Bureau of Information. It was a wonderful experience [illegible] day. Took [illegible] & [illegible] Smith home from meeting.

Monday 9:

Busy entertaining stockholders and preparing report of meeting for them. Papers report a strike of gas in the Farnham well – from 5 to 10 Million cu. F. Very important, as they are in the same general structure as Diamond Fork.

Tuesday 10:

Preparing data for stockholders.

Held stockholders meeting of Temple City Investment Co. and elected following Board Jos. R. Murdock, J.H. Mercer & Jos. B. Mercer. J.H.M. Pres. Jos. R.M. V. Pres. Jos. B.M. Treas. & David Reginald [illegible], Secretary.

Wednesday 11.

Interest in Farnham Well increase.

Beautiful weather.

Routine at office.

Prepared Ad & articles for Western Mineral Survey;

Thursday 12

Squally & some rain.

Word from Pat. Casing is froze and can't move it up or down. Will begin drilling. Don't like the news, but will trust to Lord it will work out O.K. Spent evening at Sister Clarice Turner's home, Bro. Higgs, my old time friend from Conrad, being present. Wife Ellis along. Pleasant time.

97 Friday 13:
A.M. routine at office. Left for Spanish Fork about 3 P.M. E.E. Ashley accompanied me.

Saturday 14:

Left for Diamond — 15 Miles distance at 7 A.M., arriving at Camp about one o'clock. Balance time spent digging out of mud near Hay's ranch.

When I arrived Pat had the casing moving slightly, and a few minutes after, it fell about a foot. This morning I earnestly asked the Lord to help me, and while Pat was running the tools out of well, the rope socket hit the casing shoe such a heavy blow, it loosed the casing. How wonderful the Lord does help us in this great task.

Sunday 15.

Pat & I spent an hour on the outcrop this morning & decided we had not drilled the lime capping, but had drilled some yellow shale that is showing some distance above the capping. He feels very fine about it.
Left camp at 4 P.M. stopping in Canyon to let some travelers have some gas out of car, then in Sp. Fork, arriving home at 8 P.M.
Lovely day. Road literally filled with Autos.

Monday 16
Arbor day. A.M. at office. P.M. at Yale cleaning out yard, garage, etc.

Tuesday 17:
Routine at office.
A.H. Gustaveson returned from California
Had unfortunate misunderstanding with wife Ellis over financial matters. A terrible situation has arisen, and I do not seem able to cope with it. Ellis is so engrossed in business that it does not permit her attention to be given the home. She is such a wonderful woman, wife and mother, yet a spirit of unharmony prevails between us, that I would rather forfeit my life than have exist, and yet we seem to be working to cross purposes.
I do pray the Lord most earnestly, that He will assist me in straightening out the situation. My heart is broken — my soul is crushed. Spent night in up-town hotel.

Wednesday 18:
Very busy at office working on United Standard Oil Co. & Carbon Emery Oil & Gas Co. matters, also getting out Envelopes for letters for Gus. Oil Co.
~~Good~~ Wife Ellis quite sick. Tried again to become reconciled and have a common understanding. It seems like the power of darkness is overshadowing us, and we can't see. We are both headstrong. We both want to be head. We both want to lead. There can be but one head — one leader at a time. The normal woman loves to lean and follow, while it is man's place to lead and to be leaned upon by the one whom he loves. O, if Ellis could only be a leaner, and still [illegible] things to God. I must lead. My wife & children are entitled to it, and from now on I will endeavor to make my leadership

April 1923.

Thursday 19:
Getting out letters in mail to stockholders, also looking up land titles in the U.S. Land Office. Day cool and threatening.

Friday 20:
Routine at Office. Got out letters to Stockholders giving annual report.

Saturday 21
Left for Spanish Fork with W. J. Bonner of Ogden and director John Shewell. Storming during night. Roads in canyon bad. Walked a mile to Camp. Bonner & Shewell returned to Salt Lake on Elec. Ry. I remaining at Sp. Fork to get supplies for Camp.

Sunday 22
Returned to Camp, driving car to Whitings, balance of way by team to Well. Snowed about 6 inches last night. Snowing all morning.

Monday 23.
At Camp assisting in work. Putting in casing. Weather squally.

Tuesday 24.
Bailed well & cleaned out. Think we have water shut off. Left Camp at noon with Pat O'Shelly, for Salt Lake. Stuck in mud at Hays.

Wednesday 25
Busy at office - Directors meeting looking up Bailer for Well.
Pleasant Day.

April 1923.

Thursday 26:
Most complete understanding with Wife Ellie, whose labors have had some to do with my success. We attended Theatre at night - Purple Mask.
Routine at Office.

Friday 27.
Left at noon for Spanish Fork with Pat Holohan, where had car overhauled.

Saturday 28:
New Bailer arrived at Sp. Fork. Had Hales take it up. Took Pat up in car. Stuck in mud at Hays, & made Camp about 11:30 A.M. with some pushing up the hill from Pat.
Began cleaning out well in afternoon.

Sunday 29.
Stormy and Sunshiny.
Well cleaned by noon. Began drilling new hole in P.M. Drilling on steel key that was lost in well. Very hard.

Monday 30
~~Sunshiny, rain~~ Snow, rain and Sun Shine Drilling all day on key. Made about 14 inches.

Tuesday May 1st.
Pleasant day. Still drilling on key. Made 15 ft. past two days. Took trip out over outcrop and think I identified the red Shale over the lime Capping.
Left Camp for home about 2 P.M. meeting Terry at Provo. Sold him the Keystone rig for $500.00. Got check for 250.00 Bal. six monthly payments.
Found all well at Home. Stuck in mud

May 1923.

Wednesday 2:
Very busy at office clearing up desk. Lively day.

Thursday 3:
Getting out mail - letters to stockholders on stock sales.

Friday 4:

Routine at office.
Attended M.I. show in Mill Creek. Daughter Naomi in play. She did well, but the whole entertainment was poor, and the wonder is that the people can be induced to patronize such shows as are.

May 1923.

Saturday 5:
Routine at office in A.M. In P.M. left for Provo with wife Ellis & children and Grandma Shiff, stopping with Aunt Clara Keeford for the night - Well entertained.

Sunday 6:
Took Wife & children & Aunt Clara to Well in Diamond. Most pleasant day. Bonner & Clawson were there from Ogden & I took them over the outcrops. Stopped at Fish & Game hatchery - Springville, and gave children chance to look around, returning home Sunday night.

Monday 7:

Work at office getting off letters to about 400 stockholders. At Joseph's for supper.

Tuesday 8
Left for Diamond 10 A.M., to determine about new cable needed at Well, also to check up casing with Terry.

Wednesday 9:
Cable broke about 2 P.M. near the rope socket leaving the tools in the well, caused thru such heavy strain. Having no fishing tools of proper size, had Pat go to Price to get same, while Shelley went to Sp. Fork for some much needed dentistry. We instructed the cook to stay at camp every moment until we returned in two or three days.

Thursday 10.

and dismissed Cook had last night but not returned - Came about 9:30. Clawson & Wife up from Ogden. I let Cook out and asked Clawson to send me another up here, in meantime I will remain at camp and guard Well.

On evening and all night had most terrific wind from North. Seemed to shake the cabins from off the ground.

This evening I read "Last letters from the Living Dead Man, written down by Elsa Barker". I don't know just how genuine the writings are, but I am absolutely astounded in the completeness in which the Author endorses the philosophies of Joseph Smith the Prophet, without, of course, giving him credit. The world is certainly advancing in knowledge and understanding. Death is now becoming less to be dreaded. Life is looked upon as a dream and death the awakening. Yet how tenaciously men cling to life! It is right they should, so as not to shirk its responsibilities until the full mission is completed.

"And All Saints who remember to keep and do these sayings, walking in obedience to the commandments, shall receive health in their navel and marrow to their bones, &c." D&C Sec. 89.

This promise in the Revelation known as the Word of Wisdom, of health, knowledge and freedom from the Destroying Angel, is taken by many to be predicated on the simple act of Abstaining from hot and strong drink, Tobacco and excessive meat diet; but I read a far greater obligation resting upon the Saints, contained in this revelation. For besides abstaining from these injurious things, we must also, "Walk in obedience to the commandments," - All the Commandments. Not just mere [illegible] or [illegible] habits to

Observe and keep all the Commandments. Then shall we have a right to demand health, Wisdom, Knowledge and long life, but not until. The "Word of Wisdom" requirements form a mighty small part of the obligation we are under, the carrying out of which insures the wonderful blessings mentioned.

I heard Pres. Lorenzo Snow, while talking to the Saints in the Milford Ward, at the time of the dedication of the Ward house, that there were some present who would ~~to~~ live to be 100 years old, and some 120 years old. And this would be because of their keeping the commandments of God more fully.

Friday 11.
Spent day at Camp reading and planning. Took horseback ride over the hills. Looked at the Kelly ranch on which we have a lease

Saturday 12
Terry's men came up & got balance of casing &c. which he bargained for for the Dairy Fork Well.
Pat came up in afternoon having failed to get necessary fishing tools. Said he felt sure of getting them in Dixie. We decided to start for St. George in morning.
Clawson came down with Peterson from Ogden to work as cook 85.00 per month.
Arranged with Jos. R. Murdock to let the Lowe people have 80 acres of Franco-Utah oil land to drill on on 1/8 royalty, these well validating 70,000 acres.

Sunday 13:
Started at 7 A.M. for Virgin, Washington

at Payson—Nooned at Fillmore and stopped at Beaver for night. At Nephi or Levan stopped to examine some tools at Utah Petroleum Well drilled by Wheeler, but could not find what we needed. Rain followed us all day. Juab roads fair. Millard County roads very poor from the rain except in short sections, From Holden to Fillmore good, gravel surfaced. Beaver roads excellent. They advertise Beaver roads best in the world, and they are on the Arrowhead trail, good.

Visited Uncle Charley White at Beaver and learned of death and burial of dear old Aunt Maggie, his plural wife. She had been a paralytic sufferer for years and death came as a welcome relief.

Monday 14:

Left Beaver at 6 A.M. breakfasting at "Flannie's" hotel at Parowan, Capt. of Iron County. Fore part of Iron County roads most excellent, Found myself going at rate of 50 miles per hour, which for a small car is good speed, but in ten years from now I imagine will be snails pace.

Nooned at Virgin, and visited wells of Pat Holohan our driller. They are small pumpers of high gravity oil. Purchased a string of fishing tools from Mr. Burnham. Stem, rope socket, jars and Combination slip socket with 3 sets of slips $220.00. Value about 450.00. Went to Hurricane and arranged to have tools hauled to Lund San Pedro Ry station, and ship by express to Sp. Fork. Arrived at St. George at night stopping at "Rubber Rock," the Arrowhead Hotel. Board and Room double the usual charge.

My first trip to Dixie. Alfalfa ready

ripe. Too warm to be comfortable. Rain followed us about 225 miles from Sp. Fork, no sign of it in Dixie.

Tuesday 15:

Met Mr. Graham of the Virgin Dome Company and got loan of some tools from him. Went to his well, got Comb. slip socket, larger size than the one we purchased and a sub. Took them with us, arriving at Fillmore about 5:30, after traveling about 175 miles over some very rough and some very good roads. All in. Was within ten miles of entrance to Zions park, but hadn't the time to go there.

Wednesday 16:

Left Fillmore at 7 A.M. A heavy rain during night made traveling miserable. Possibly 40 miles of road which we had made going down at 30 to 40 miles per hour, we made on low and intermediate at 10 to 15 miles per hour, and that with great difficulty. Nooned at Nephi, leaving which place we were caught in a terrific rain storm, but had cement roads about 15 miles and made good time. Arrived at Sp. Fork about 2 P.M.

Made on trip since Sunday 610 Miles and got what we went after.

Spent P.M. having car overhauled for clutch and break troubles, also having blacksmith bore wire out of rope socket which we brought along.

Picked up sick man at St. George and took him to Ry. at Sp. Fork gratis. He seemed very grateful.

Have now visited the extreme South eastern ~~and~~ San Juan, and South-western part of State. I predict that Dixie will develop into

The trip south, especially after leaving Fillmore, was celebrated for it's magnificent distances between settlements. From 30 to 40 or 50 miles between towns. Small towns, slow people, cattle & sheep the principle industries. Iron County is waking up with the steel possibilities and Cedar City is preparing for advent of the U. P. railroad which is now being built from Lund to haul out the Iron ore of which the County is justly famed.

Thursday 17

Took Pat up to well & Returned to [illegible]

Friday 18.

Routine at office.

Helping Ellis put over Woodside deal. Took her to Provo to see Bro. Murdock and others. Took children along and stopped with Aunt Clara.

Saturday 19.

Went to Sp. Fork to see Terry about Temple City Iron Co. matters. Returned home to Salt Lake.

Sunday 20:

Spent day visiting loved ones, and taking kiddies for a ride.

Monday 21:

Spent day assisting Ellis in her Woodside deal, getting some acreage in [illegible]

[illegible]

Tuesday 22:

Routine at office. Working on

THE GARMENT

Wednesday 23.

Routine at office.

Planted onions at 1254 Yale [illegible]

Thursday 24

Succeeded in getting assignment of 1/2 interest of the Ray L. Brewer Permit at Woodside, after several days of negotiations.

Oil reported struck in Farnham's well in 6 ft. stray sand.

Dear sweet, lovely Naomi graduated from her High School course at Granite High on the 18, while I was absent.

Grandma Shipp told me she heard Brigham Young say that the "time would come when men would only have to wish themselves at certain distant places, and they would be there," the element of time and the laws of gravity being practically overcome. This confirms thoughts I have been entertaining for some time. I believe in the idea.

Quite a furore is being caused in church circles by action of Authorities in changing the design of the Garment - short arms and legs & low necks. Since, as I understand it, the garment is only a symbol, it matters little about these details which are less important than the inconvenience of having long sleeves &c to bother in the warm summer weather. My idea is that even Union suits may be worn as garments provided they have proper marks. The symbol must be maintained, while the garment itself may be changed to keep pace with the changes in dress, just as men once wore beards, but now going shaven, and women once wore veils but are now bare of face. Custom is ever changing in dress and habit, and we must change with it so long as we do.

Attended farewell of Elder Lloyd Croxford at Mill Creek Ward tonight with Mame & Children. He goes to Australia on mission, leaving [illegible]

Friday 25:
Left 2 P.M. for Sp. Fork.
Helping Ellis in morning clean up some details on Woodside Permit.

Saturday 26:
At Well. Fill of about 250 ft. being drilled out. Pat had put in two lengths of casing to shut off Cave. I returned to Springville and took train 5:35 P.M. for Price to visit Farnham Well.

Sunday 27:
Met Mr. Ed. Stewart who has charge of Utah Oil & Ref. Co. Well at Farnham. He kindly consented to take me over. They have a fishing job on and drilling is suspended. Also saw the operations of the Diamond Drill near Price. Leaving there at 3:28 returned to Springville.

Monday 28:
At Well. Pat encountered some wire rope in well. Came to Salt Lake to have rope spear made. Found all well at office [illegible]

Tuesday 29:
Had Rope Spear made and returned with it to Camp, taking Pat and Jno. Shewell along.

Wednesday 30:
Raining at camp nearly all day. Cleaning out well. Injector went bad.

new injector by Phone.

Thursday 31:
Hail, snow and rain.
Returned to camp with injector and supplies. Pat had gotten hold of rope and was bringing tools up, when the cable broke again, necessitating procuring additional fishing tools. Returned to Sp. Fork & wired to Crescent Eagle for tools. Returned to Salt Lake. Raining all day.
It is certainly discouraging — drilling without adequate financial backing. It would seem that the victory, should there be one for me, and I believe there is, must be won at the price of the most blood-sweating effort. — But the sun will shine.

Friday June 1:
Routine at office. Day clear and cool.

Saturday 2
Busy at office.

Sunday 3.
Went to Well. Took Jos. Behling, wife Rose and daughters Anna and Lorraine. Brot Pat back to help find some fishing tools. Learnt cannot get supply from drilling companies.

Monday 4:
Got lined up on drilling tools & ~~leaving~~ having Davis-Howe make new ~~rasp~~ rope spear.

Tuesday 5:
Got fishing tools off. Prepared letter to stockholders appealing for funds.

Stockholders Shewell & Son Harry, Tolleson, Hogsen, C.J. Gustaveson, O'Gorman and Belling. Praise was offered on my work and the predictions made that we would succeed. They bore strong testimony to my integrity as Manager and invoked the blessings of the Lord upon me.

Wednesday 6:
Routine at office

Thursday 7:
At office. Got letter printed for stockholders.

Friday 8:
Arranged with son Milton to work at office at 10⁰⁰ per month.
Left for Well 10 A.M. Took Shelley to Springville.
Pat cleaning out well.

Saturday 9:
Picked up Pierce from San Pete to cook at camp 75⁰⁰ per month.
At well all day. Springville at night to sleep. Bed at camp unfit for use.

Sunday 10:
Returned to Well. Cook went after his Car. I got dinner for men & had general clean-up at camp.
Globe intake Valve went bad on boiler returned to Salt Lake for new ones and also for Bit. 2x3 pin 2 1/4 x 3 1/4 box.

Monday 11
Busy at office all day. Attended Birthday of Wife [illegible] at Dale. Delightful time with children.

Tuesday 12.
Arranged for division of Temple City Investment Co. assets among stockholders with D.H. Gustaveson who has been chafing under my Presidency of the Company since I put him out. The division was friendly and is the best act of business relations with him.
Left for Sp. Fork 5:30 with Cot. and Valves. Purchased supplies for camp.

Wednesday 13
At camp at 7 A.M.
Pat fishing all day, getting up chunks of well. Night at Springville.

Thursday 14
Glen & Cook came down enroute to Salt Lake for new injector, the old one having broken. I sent them back and phoned in, got one out on Electric. Back at camp about 6 P.M.
Took up bed to sleep in, so can stay at camp at nights.

Friday 15:
This is first day for legal fishing in the streams. We went fishing after big stuff in earnest, using Dit. rope spear and Cont. slip socket! At 3:30 got bite and in two hours brought up the last string of tools left consisting of rope socket, 2 subs, stem, jars and rope spear. Also brought about 10 ft of old rope off lower tools. Good day's work.
Dirt from boiler not coming, broke in well.
Weather cold. Nights uncomfortable without lots of bedding, which I don't happen to have with me.

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13 Saturday 16:

Stormy - snow and rain. Forced to discontinue work part of day a/c. severe storm. Helping on "fishing" job which was extra heavy owing to the large number of joints to make and break.

Sunday 17.

Helping on "fishing" job. No practical results!

Jenson from O.S.L. with wife and sister came out and were impressed with the showing.

Clawson & Boomer came up with some supplies for camp.

In breaking a joint, one became welded, stripping the threads on the box of a sub. and the pin of a rope spear. Took the five of us about one hour to break the joint and we were "all in".

Returned to City with sub. to be re-threaded.

Monday 18:

Busy at office all day

Tuesday 19:

Prepared letter to Stockholders and gave to printer.

Glen brought rope spear to Sp. Fork for new prongs, and came on to City. He is suffering from an acid burn, Nitric acid on his knuckles. Quite bad.

Wednesday 20

As Glen must remain in hospital for short time, I returned to well, taking the sub. and rope spear. Helped blacksmith at Sp. Fork on work on rope spear until about 9 P.M. Went to Springville to sleep. A very hard rain came up about 8 P.M.

Thursday 21

Left for Camp at 6 A.M. Pat had steam up and we went at it. Rodney Shelley came up at noon to help out a day or two, which probably saved my life. Making and breaking joints by hand, firing boiler and doing other odd jobs, is pretty tough for one not hardened to it.

About 5 P.M. in bringing up our tools some part of them caught on the casing and the rope broke, leaving another string in the well. This is most distressing and is absolutely discouraging. I don't understand why we, poor as we are, should have such grief. And yet these accidents appear unavoidable.

We hastily put together another string of odd sized tools and sent down an horn socket thinking to get a friction hold. But we failed as the sand had already caved in badly. Dark caught us all exhausted, with no results. It was a gloomy night. Neither Pat nor I slept much. We have been held up on this fishing job about 5 weeks - yes 6 weeks.

Friday 22:

Working all day trying to get hold of tools but failed. Hooked on the 3¼" stem to give weight to tools. This stem weighs about 2100# & was hard to handle.

Yesterday Clawson came up bringing the two Allreds and an Italian from Ogden. These were all greatly enthused over what they saw.

Rodney went down this evening to Phone and for some supplies

~15 Saturday 23:

Fishing all day. Got horn socket over tools and bringing it up stuck in casing. We jarred it out and found it had burst where driven over head of rope socket.

Pat & I returned to Salt Lake & held meeting with Board. Pat is compelled to go to Virgin to do assessment work on his oil claim. Decided that I take him down and while there we endeavor to borrow some fishing tools from the Virgin Dome peoples, and get Pat back on the job as early as possible.

Sunday 24:

Left for Virgin at 5:15 A.M. Nooned at Fillmore at 10:45 = 156 Miles - Reached Cedar City at 4 P.M. - total from Salt Lake 278. Miles. Hotels at Cedar full to overflowing - All private homes in use for transients. Railroad came in about a month ago from Lund. Many tourists going through to see Cedar Breaks. Forced to stop here for lumber for Virgin well. - Paid 43^{00} for 860 ft. & 40^{00} Truck for hauling.

Road from Salt Lake, with but few exceptions lovely - About 90 Miles cement.

Monday 25.

After purchasing lumber & engaging truck we went to Virgin City, stopping at Cornelius House. Lumber arrived at 4:30 P.M.

Peaches & apricots ripe

Tuesday 26:

With two hired men & Pat & I we built a 34 ft derrick over No. 2 Well at Virgin, as assessment Work.

in sections 1, 2 & 12 filed on in name of Dr. White. Got a Sub. for our fishing job. Bot 12 Gal. Molasses made in Dixie, Visited well of ~~the~~ Virgin Dome Co. and made St. George. Saw Mr. Graham & got promise of loan of suction bailer. Night uncomfortably hot could stand no covering on bed.

Wednesday 27:

Left St. George at 5 A.M. Breakfast at Leeds. Were stopped at Anderson's Ranch until about 10:45, to allow Presidential party on way to Zion's Canyon to pass. It was an outrage, but we were compelled to submit. This prevented our making Diamond Fork today. Arrived at Nephi at 8:45 P.M. where we stopped.

Thursday 28:

At Sp. Fork by 8 A.M. and at rig by 10. A.M. Took up a Mr. Gull as helper for few days.

Worked all day trying to get over the tools with horn socket, but failed.

Friday 29:

Cut off horn socket. Tried to get an impression of head of lost tools. Mud kept falling in so fast we got nothing. Ran down 32 ft. stem and worked with tightened tools, but made little head on account of caves.

Hon. Hales came up in evening w his family. Pat knocked out from hard work. Had to climb to top of mast to throw rope over crown pulley.

Weather beautiful - hot in day, but cool at nights. Sleeping between two

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Saturday 30

Worked nearly all day at forge trying to shape tools that will go over rope socket in well and pick up lost tool. Got an impression of rope socket. It appears to be side tracked in the wall and difficult to get over with any tool we have.

Went to Sp. Fork in evening for supplies Back to Camp 10-P.M.

July 1923.

Sunday 1:

After trying in vain to land over tools left at 10 A.M. to look for more. Pat & I visited Sp. Fork Oil Co. Camp on Dairy Fork. Found Terry just finishing fishing job. Checked up on his tools. From there went to Price to see Utah Oil Ref. Co. boss, and look over tools of Old Emery Oil Co.

Monday 2:

Left for Farnham to see Watson abt. some tools. Learnt he was at Woodside. Went there. They reported him at Moab. Dinner at Greenriver. Met Watson on on way to Crescent Eagle. He said all of his 6" tools were in the hole at Farnham could not help me.

Went to Crescent Eagle well. Small showing of oil in bailings.

Met Reader at Thompson & borrowed 4" string of tools from him to use in drilling past our tools.

Returned to Greenriver for night.

Suffocatingly hot all night.

Tuesday 3:

Made Camp to Salt Lake distance of over 300 miles over some of worst

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gas feed line on car.

Distance	Thistle	to Price	62	miles
	Price	" Woodside	41½	"
	Woodside	" Greenriver	26	"
	Greenriver	" Thompson	33½	"

Wednesday 4:

Spent day at home and Lagoon in afternoon with Jal's children.

Thursday 5:

At office crowded with work.

Learnt May gave birth to son on June 29 while I was away from home. All well.

Put Car in shops to be repaired. In bad condition.

Friday 6:

Routine at office. Catching up with mail.

Saturday 7:

Routine at office.

Sunday 8: Spent day on Farm resting up. Pierce - Cook from Camp. Hunted me up for his pay. He has quit.

Monday 9:

Glen came to Salt Lake & said Pat had decided to use whip stock to drive past tools. I told Glen he had another think coming and decided to shut down operations until we decided what to do and got proper tools.

Stainbrook, our old driller, dropped in and wanted job of getting tools out.

19 Tuesday 10:
Went to Well. Took Thompson to act as Cook and Camp tender. Brought Pat and Gull back. Held meeting of Board. Decided to underream & lower 6" casing to tools. In mean time Pat will go to San Rafael and get all tools belonging to old rig sold to Reserve Oil Co.
Directors asked me to write another letter to stockholders to get needed funds.

Wednesday 11:
Got out letter to stockholders.
Order from Quigley for Pat to get tools.
Routine at office. Article for Survey.
Attended entertainment of our friends at home of Jos. Barlow, E. Mill Creek, in evening with wife Ellis, three of the children. Very enjoyable time.

Thursday 12:
Got 1200 letters to stockholders in the mail.

Friday 13:
Routine at Office.

Saturday 14
Left at 5:30 A.M. for Well. Took Bertha, Naomi, Anna and Gertrude. Took Thompson some supplies and brought back pair under-reaming cutters for pattern for new ones.
Coming back visited State Hatchery at Springville and Timpanogos Cave in Am. Fork Canyon. At foot of hill where trail begins is beautiful grove and stream. Length of trail one Mile. 1200 ft. above road. Length of main corridor of cave 540 ft. It was a wonderful sight.

of Aut. came off. Bushings all shot to pieces. First experience of this kind. Improvised some tin washers and got home about 9 P.M. O.K. grateful to the Lord that nothing more serious happened.

Sunday 15.
Spent day quietly at Dale with Ruth and kiddies.

Monday 16:
Pat returned from San Rafael with tools - Took stem and Jars to Salt Lake for re-threading.
Routine at office.

Tuesday 17:
Routine at Office
Exec. Committee Authorized me to open negotiations for purchase of the Holohan-Vinton 160 Acres oil land at Virgin City.

Wednesday 18:
Got Pat off for well with stem and jars.
Routine at office.

Thursday 19:
Picking cherries at Fishers with kiddies of Gale and Dale in morning. Office in afternoon.

Friday 20:
Routine at Office.

Saturday 21:
Went to Well with old Lugs for

Pat got 3 wires and some letters urging him to go to California on his land matter. We let him off. Gehagan took his place. Found couldnt use legs as one was cracked. Cleaned out Well.

Sunday 22:
Working trying to straighten up tools. Think got them straight, but as head of rope socket considerably blunted decided to underream before trying get hold of tools. Gehagan & Glen came in.
Pat bot. Clawson's Dodge Auto 700.00.
Yates from Castle Gate came to camp about 6 P.M. Took him on inspection and we stayed at camp all night.

Monday 23:
Returned to Salt Lake with Yates. Lugo came for underreamer. Very busy with Clawson, Bonner & co.

Tuesday 24:
Birthday of Wife Ellis & Son Joseph. Both being celebrated. But I took Bro. Tolbiason, Gustaveson, Shewell and Glen to Well. In a secluded spot there we each offered prayer asking the Lord to bless our efforts in getting tools and finishing Well. Dedicated ground to Lord. Had wonderful time.
Returning at 3 P.M. accompanied Wife Ellis & children to Provo to a Stiff reunion at 6 P.M.

Wednesday 25:
Routine at Office. In Ogden in evening. Visited several stockholders

Thursday 26:
~~Routine at office~~ At Brigham City

Friday 27:
Prepared letter to stockholders. Returned from Ogden in morning.

Saturday 28:
Pat returned from California. Went out to Well to get started. Gehagan & Glen went out on 24 and returned on 26. Done nothing.

Sunday 29:
Spent day with Dale and Yale kiddies. Evening with [illegible]

Monday 30:
Routine at Office. Wrote option agreement for Mr. Bonner. In evening took Ruth, Anna & Gertrude up to Pine Crest, 14 miles from Dale home. They are stopping there for few days.

Tuesday 31.
Attended Auction sale at Fgt. Depot of D&R.G. & bot about 600.00 worth of driller tools for 35.00
Having awful time with my hay fever.

August 1923

Wednesday 1st

Went to well, taking Clawson to Sp. Fork. Reached well about 4 P.M. Pat finished cleaning out well.

Had terrific rain storm from about 6 P.M. into midnight.

Thursday 2nd

Made rasp and attempted to rasp off imaginary head drilled on rope socket so we could get hold with slips. Accomplished nothing. Took impression and decided rope socket not badly blunted but in wall at side.

Pat decided could do no more and favored an effort to drill past with whip stock. I refused and decided to get Steinbrook out for consultation.

Then went to town to get tooth pulled. Has been suffering several days.

Went to Spanish at night. Met Clawson and called up Steinbrook to come on.

Raining at Sp. Fork and terrific rain reported at Salt Lake

Friday 3rd

Met Steinbrook at Sp. Fk. on 8:20 A.M. train. Took he and Clawson to well.

Learned from morning paper that Pres. Harding had died at San Francisco last night about 7:40. It was a great shock. I had read in the evening paper of his much improved condition and arrangements being perfected to take him to Washington. He died suddenly without a struggle.

One cannot help marveling at the plans of Almighty God with respect to his children. Pres. Harding was a greatly beloved man. Millions in the solving of many of the great after war problems and the ushering in of a World peace. His plans were taking root in the minds of the people. He was kind and generous with a very broad sympathy. Seemed to be robust in health, - riding a heading machine in Kansas or Nebraska, and on horseback in Zion's Canyon in Utah. He appeared the symbol of health. Traversed Alaska - a hard trip, and yet stood it well, only to come back to the land of flowers to die. He first was touched by Ptomain poison from eating of crab, which seemed to turn to Pneumonia. The best medical help attended him day and night, and medical science seemed to triumph. It was coupled with the prayers of the nation. Just as mere man-science decided he would recover, off he went and crumbled like a flake of snow in a furnace. Certainly man proposes but God disposes. There is some great reason for his taking off. Was it that the world is not yet ready for a righteous peace, and must be deprived of the leadership of such stalwart men until the cleansing of war shall have done its mission. ~~Wars~~ Wars are not yet over. Man is not yet humbled. Righteousness is not yet born. Faith is still in a stupor, - humility is fled, Honesty is dwarfed and love is stifled. Man is not yet free from greed and hatred. A new race must be born - a race that will cultivate love and not hatred, Trust and not jealousy. Before such a race can be born, the old must die to give way to all things new. Since men love corruption better than

have been betrayed and are being betrayed and contaminated by the mind, a great purification must consume the world, - even by fire. The fire of purification is already burning and will continue until corruption is consumed. Therefore the nations are not prepared for the strongest leadership within the gift of God. They must grope and stumble, bleed and die and give way for the new race whose motto shall be "Love thy God with all thy heart, mind and soul, and love thy neighbor as thy self." The living of this motto literally alone will bring peace and joy to the world. But it cannot be lived by men so soaked in sin a crime nor by nations so degenerate as the present world nations.

An old bent and heart rotted tree cannot become straight and perfect. It is fit only for the fire, and from the fertilization of its ashes shall spring a perfect tree. So from the flame of hatred and jealousy will the present generations be consumed, and a new that with new people arise to subdue the earth and sanctify it unto God.

Thus it seems to me that such warriors of righteousness as Roosevelt, such idealistic dreamers as Woodrow Wilson and such Peace loving spirits as Warren G. Harding, are taken from the thrones on which the people have placed them to rule, that this lack of strong leadership, the powers of darkness may enter the hearts of the peoples of the rotted world and accomplish the destruction necessary for the building in of a righteous race.

And a perfect love. One would think the last terrible war would have accomplished this, but it seems to have but whetted the appetite for more blood. Men seem to have grown more avaricious and women are being more rapidly polluted. They cease to function as motherhood. The sacred titles of Fatherhood and Motherhood are being spurned by the wealthy and aristocratic and are only enjoyed among the ignorant. Sciences are advancing, and man appears to be making wonderful strides, but there is danger in such progress, as scientific discovery is leading into deeper sin and greater crime — great among which is the refusal of men and women to bear the sons and daughters of God. Such a race must inevitably die. It has chosen death in preference to life, and death it shall have.

O God, I pray thee to hurry the consummation of thy divine purposes. Purge and purify the world, and bring up out of the remnants a united and God-fearing race. Let thy work be hastened, that the agony may be shortened. Since thou canst not reform thy people by love and truth, take them away, that a generation may appear whose lives shall respond to all thine holy attributes. Lead those who are searching for light out from the darkness and prepare their hearts for thy great truths. Help me and mine to serve thee and in all things thy will and not mine nor the will of man be done. Amen.

Mr. Steinbrook took over supervision of the fishing job and impresses me as knowing what he is doing.

Took he and Clemson to Sp. Fk. at night to sleep, having no place in camp for them.

Saturday 4th

Took Steinbrook & Clemson to well. Steinbrook spent entire day with spudder using great care. Glen obstinate and sullen, jealous of what is being done. Pat big, generous and willing. I believe some progress is being made.

Returned to Sp. Fk. in evening to sleep — Clemson returning to Salt Lake

Sunday 5:

At camp at 7 A.M. from Sp. Fork. Spudded all day and think we are making progress. Weather very warm. Glen went to Salt Lake with tooth ache. Stopped at Sp. Fork with Steinbrook

Monday 6:

Worked at spudding all day. The impression block seemed to show the rope socket drawn back in the hole so it can be taken with the slips which have been ordered.

Tuesday 7:

Glen returned in morning from Salt Lake. He went to camp, [illegible] Pat back sick & went on to Salt Lake.

We waited at Sp. Fork all day for the slip socket which was supposed to have been shipped by express from Los Angeles on the 4th. It failed to show up.

August 1923.

Wednesday 8:
Got slip socket and returned to Camp. Steam up at noon. Worked to get an impression on socket.

Thursday 9:
Both Steinbrook and myself have bad backs from handling the heavy tools yesterday. Spent day running spudder and socket, with no certain results.

Friday 10
Ran spudder first, followed by slip socket for an impression, when all of a sudden the cable parted at the crown pulley, letting another fishing string in the well!! Just think of it – 4 strings in within 3 months, and only one out. I am about discouraged. Some great power is working against us. If it wasn't for quitting under fire, I would give up the job, but I cannot quit under fire.
Went into Salt Lake

~~Friday~~
Saturday 11:
Director's meeting at 11 A.M. Directors took situation philosophically. They urged me to continue and expressed perfect satisfaction in what I had accomplished. Decided to levy another assessment on my recommendation.

Sunday 12.
Spent day visiting my children at Yale, Ollie, and Fanny. Learnt that Wife Mary had had another very bad spell with gall stones last Monday. Just recovering.

August 1923.

Monday 13
Busy procuring fishing tools, which we have promised off for Wednesday morning.
Meeting of directors of Western Imp. Co to decide on Contract to Redden.
Terrific storm at night extending from Salt Lake North to Willard. Many homes and barns washed away and some lives lost.

Tuesday 14:
Framed assessment letter to Stockholders and report for our French friends – Cleared up desk for trip out.

Wednesday 15-
Took Steinbrook to well. Rigged up and began work of fishing again. A cave came in about 100 ft. down from which we are having difficulty in clearing out.

Thursday 16:
Had an off day. Tools got stuck and we jarred about two hours before releasing them. They came up shown having been ground against casing there. A puzzling situation. As we went back to take a measurement, a small piece of wood fell down the hole in coming up the jars hooked at a place in casing supposed to be tight, and hung me up. We finally broke the line and left fourth string in well. Zounds! What awful misfortune. I just am puzzled to know what to do. There appears to be no end to trouble. But I can't give up – so long as there is life there is hope.

31 Friday 17:
Came to Sp. Fork with Stainbrook and had blacksmith put rope spear on old four inch bit. Had pins turned at Sugar Factory. Worked with blacksmith until 9 P.M. on spear.

Saturday 18.
Got spear fixed and back to Camp by 11 A.M. After getting tools strung up discovered spear-pin would not fit Jars - odd sized pins + boxes. Drove to Sugar factory again + had pins sized to fit Jars and back to Camp by 7 P.M.
Quite hard rain in Sp. Fork in afternoon. Light at Camp.

Sunday 19:
Extremely hard day. Fishing all day. Got up some rope but made little progress. Quite heavy rain about 5 P.M. - "All in", and almost wish someone else had my job.

Monday 20:
Fishing with indifferent success. Spent some time in the derrick house after the others had retired to bed, pouring out my soul to God, and asking that I might be cleared from this position if I am in the way of success, otherwise to assist in recovering the tools.

Tuesday 21:
After "fishing" until 3 P.M. we concluded we were wasting time and taking chance of leaving another string in. The tools we are using are

at Columbia Steel Plant, where we obtained a letter from Engr. Watson, ask. the Utah Copper people to loan us some tools.

Wednesday 22:
Got order from Utah Copper Co. for some tools + went to Bingham Canyon where we picked out two sinker bars, jars, rope socket, slip socket and rope grab.

Thursday 23:
Busy at office all day.

Friday 24:
Saturday 25:
Busy at office. Through red tape have not received the tools for Bingham yet.
Ellis quite sick with [illegible]

Sunday 26.
Spent day with my children at Dale, farm and Yale, having pleasant times

Monday 27:
Still having trouble getting tools for Bingham. Arranged with Allen Truck Line to go out tomorrow morning take them to well, picking up wire cable at Sp. Fork. Trip $40.00
Having awful time with my jaw as result of having Wisdom tooth pulled last week. Feels infected. [illegible]
Put two new Cord (Vac. Cup) tires on car at mileage of 9200.

August 1928.

Tuesday 28:
Got tools delivered at camp by 4:30 P.M. by truck. Also new cable 7/8. Took Steinbrook to camp.

Wednesday 29:
Rodney Shelley came 7 A.M. Pat failed to show up, tho he promised to come with Rodney.
Took old cable of machine and reeled it. Put new cable on. Strung up new tools by 2 P.M. At 5 had first string of lost tools out of well, as if it were by a miracle. Got hold with 3 prong grab. O, how grateful to the Lord I am for this partial victory. Three other strings are in well! Came to Sp-Fork with sinker bar and rope socket borrowed from driller at Columbia Steel Works.

Thursday 30:
Working all day cleaning out well to next string of tools. Ran out of water.

Friday 31:
Still cleaning out well. Moving cinders making paths. Coiled old sand line.

Saturday Sept. 1:
About 10 A.M. broke cog meshing with calf wheel. Took it to Spanish Fk. to be welded. Got job about 12 Midnight. Work shut down in mean time.
Yesterday got gas engine and other tools shipped by P.H. from Huntington. Got them to camp in car.

September 1928

Sunday 2:
Cleaning out hole all day. Fifteen visitors at well, including directors Lowell Behling and Oscar Clawson.
Some trouble with water supply.

Monday 3:
Labor Day. Celebrating it at well.

Tuesday 4:
Hales and teams came up to begin working on road. Got hollow reamer and swedge up. Still cleaning out hole.

Wednesday 5:
Hales working on road. Steinbrook cleaning out well. Went to Sp. Fk. for supplies. Later left for Salt Lake.

Thursday 6:
Busy at offices.

Friday 7:
Busy with assessment collections. Had daughter Anna at office.

Saturday 8:
Very busy at office all day on assessments.

Sunday 9:
Sunday School at LeGrand. Visited mother. Visited Aunt Nellie, and took her for ride. Her birthday tomorrow. Spent balance of day quietly resting up.

Monday 10:
Busy at office receiving assessments.

35 Tuesday 11.

Busy on assessment list at office.

Wife Mary having another severe attack of gall stones and stomach disorder. Poor girl is suffering intensely. On entering the sick room I find several members of the family dishing out consolation about as follows:

"Well Mame must resort to the knife after this." "Look at Minnie since her operation, she can work hard and is not troubled any more, except she has horrid headaches." "There's Chas. Miller, he was so bad he was taken to hospital at night, now he is a real man once more." "If Mame gets over this spell, she must go under operation," &c. &c. Such bunk at the bed in a sick room in the 20th Century, and among supposedly enlightened people! I am not afraid of my enemies, but God save me from my friends and from my wife's relatives.

Wednesday 12:

Completed sale of Art Villa for 10.000^{00} Cost About 20.000^{00} 1000^{00} cash, buyer to assume about 5000^{00} indebtedness and pay balance in 100^{00} per month installments at 7% Int. J. L. Brown uses it for Dog hospital. It was a poor investment, and has furnished me of my lessons in life. I yielded against my better judgment to Christensen's persuasions, and now we are cutting the price in two, lost all interest on the investment to date, and the building turned into a cat and dog hospital! Its funny as well as tragical.

By unanimous action of the Board of Directors I sold the Company a forty acre interest in the Mercer Permit at Woodside, being validated by the Utah Oil Refining Co. for 500^{00} 23

Thursday 13:

Working on assessment lists. Day cloudy. Hales in from Sp. Fork for medical treatment. Doctors took X Ray 30^{00} + advised operation to cut new hole in his stomache. He asked my advice. Told him I tho't the old hole good enough if cleaned out a little, and I took him to Dr. Greenhalgh for a thorough cleaning before resorting to the Butchers and Slaughterhouse. My God, but how I am opposed to the tactics of the thieving M. D's and their unreasonable tendency to want to put the knife into every body that presents itself. If the people would get back to first principles. Go to the Lord, live consistent, rely on mild herb remedies, it would not be long before every mothers son of a Doctor would have to seek the woods, and work for a living or starve. The outrages, murders, &c. committed in the name of medical science are appalling and are becoming a social menace that will ruin the race in time, if not checked by some great power.

Friday 14.

Busy at office.

Saturday 15.

Routine at office.

Completed assessments lists

Sunday 16.

Monday 17:
Windy and cold. Fire in the house. Completing checking up assessment list!

Tuesday 18:
Very busy at office trying to get away to the well.

Wednesday 19:
Left for Diamond at 8:30. Took Hales home. Met Stainbrook and Rodney at Sp. Fork with rope spear having same fixed at Blacksmiths. Owing to trouble with electric blower, we could not get out until 9 P.M. Reached Camp about 10:30.

Thursday 20:
Quite sick with bad cold.
Driller trying to locate cable in well. No success.

Friday 21
Same as yesterday. Cold still bad. Am taking raw onion treatment.

Saturday 22:
Drilling and fishing all day, with no definite results. Cant understand why we dont get in contact with tools.
Rodney & Stainbrook went to Sp. Fork for supplies. Health much better.

Sunday 23:
Up a tree. Still making depth, but no sign of tools. Can we be drilling by them? Selected a spot in oak grove near the well, where I poured out my soul to God. I placed myself squarely in His hands and asked for the good of stockholders I either succeed,

Monday 24:
Heavy rain storm all night. 1st snow on Mount. Moved stove in derrick house.
Made 17 ft. of hole. Decided we are drilling past tools. Went to Sp. Fork for supplies.

Tuesday 25
Clear and Warm.
Making good hole. Sidetracking tools. Evidently Pete's hole was crooked and we are now in straight hole. No indications of tools.
Stainbrook & Rodney went to Sp. Fork.

Wednesday 26
Stormy and cold. Still making hole.

Thursday 27
Within about 10 ft. of bottom of old hole and have not encountered tools. The Lord be praised for His goodness. Stainbrook said it was a miracle. We all accomplished just what we would want accomplished, and we didnt know it was being done. Our fishing job is over, having lasted since June 7 – About 4 1/2 Months, and it ended without an effort, so to speak. I greatly rejoice in the blessings of God and thank Him for His goodness to me and to our Company.
Returned to Salt Lake, bringing 2 - 5 Gal. Cans of Honey for home @ 5.00 per can.
Found Ellis without coal & food in house & out hustling in cold. Also Rose had gone to California to be with Aunt Nell who is reported in hospital sick. Hustled things for home & made a warm reception for the home workers.

Friday 28:

239 Father [illegible] in his praises of my course and praised the Lord had given me to complete the work. [illegible] was very complimentary. Mr. White pleased.

Saturday 29:
Busy at office. Pleasant day

Sunday 30:
Spent day at Yale and Dale. Visited Joseph. Pleasant day.

October 1923

Monday 1st
Routine at office. Weather fine.

Tuesday 2nd
Local showers. Warm. Routine at office.

Wednesday 3:
Routine at office.

Thursday 4:
Busy at office. Heavy rain all night.

Friday 5:
Attended first meeting of conference in Tabernacle & heard opening addresses by Pres. Grant & Chas. W. Penrose. Good meeting, except for great financial stress and lack of faith talk. Refuted Church was financing a $[illegible] hospital (slaughterhouse) at Idaho Falls & commented considerably upon it. Had they refuted the erection of a Temple there, and advised the

in the favor of the Priesthood over 24. Sickness &c. I feel better [illegible] would be the cause. But I am not to be the judge [illegible] forgive me if I am wrong. But I ~~having~~ have only unmeasurable contempt for the butcher methods of the Medical Fraternity of the day. The way they pronounce every body ill as an operations case and hold the very shingles over the heads of the poor to pay for "slaughter house" privileges and the "Butcher". I can't get converted to it. Surely God never intended his children should be cut and slashed to pieces and robbed for the privilege.

Took 5 of the Children to Fair in P.M. and attended Theatre at night with Wife Allie - "So this is London"

Saturday 6:
Very busy at office arranging for delinquent stock sale, which occurred at 4 P.M. About 25 persons present. Bidding brisk. Most stock bid at rate of double assessment and costs.

Sunday 7:
Attended sessions of Conference meetings. Tremendous crowds. No seats. Radio and amplifyers serving 8 or 10 thousand people on outside.

Arranged with children at Yale to read a chapter in Book of Mormon each night before retiring.

Monday 8:
Delinquent Stock sales statements. Heavy rain at night.

Tuesday 9:
Cleaning up desk for trip to Well. Employed extra stenographer.

Wednesday & Thursday 10-11:
Cleaning up details of delinquent sale and preparing to return to well.
Raining almost continuously.

Friday 12:
Got off for well 2 P.M. with Oscar Clawson.
Took down Mattress for Rodney's bed. 7oo
Took up oil from Sp. Fork, arriving at Camp 6 P.M. All well.

Saturday 13:
Left camp at noon for Sp. Fork Oil Camp to have Terry ship balance of tools to Crescent Eagle. He is trying to pull casing to underream. Having hard job with the small rig he has.
Made Sp. Fork. Got coke for Camp.

Sunday 14:
Returned to Camp. Took Mutual Coal Man - Moore, from Sp. Fk. Also Morgan Warner, the former to inspect last car of coal which is poor. Took them over outcrop and they were enthused over oil possibilities. Made 6 ft hole. Down about 1172. Small layers of sand. Making some water. Drills slow but good. Cuts bit to pieces. Took visitors back to Sp. Fork.
Freezing at Camp.

Monday 15:
Drilling slow. Some sand in shale. Water developing.
Went to Sp. Fork for supplies and to see about boiler. Camp at night.

Tuesday 16:
Left Camp for home after dinner arriving home at 5 P.M. Depth of well when I left 1180 ft.

Wednesday 17: & Thursday 18
Routine at offices.

Friday 19:
Pin broke at well leaving sinker bar and bit in hole. Stainbrook & Rodney came in for other tools.

Saturday 20:
Went to Bingham with Stainbrook and procured Slip socket from Utah Copper, also selected a stem for drilling. Put socket in and left with Davis Home Co. for some blacksmithing work on it.

Sunday 21:
Spent delightful day with kiddies at Dale and Farm.

Monday 22:
Got Stainbrook & Rodney off for well before noon.
Routine at office.
Raining in evening. Took plants out of flower boxes to keep in house during winter.
Tuesday 23.
Ground covered with snow this morning.
Routine at office.

Wednesday 24:
Put 2 new casings on car & had some adjustments, after which left for Wells, taking Cook - Thompson with me. Found had been no storm in

Found tools had settled down and driller was cleaning out hole to reach it.

Thursday 25.
Good progress made today cleaning hole.
Returned to Sp. Fork for supplies.

Friday 26:
New stem arrived at Sp. Fork, also Boiler from Iowa. Arranged to have them taken to camp.
Got auto fixed & side curtains repaired. Took supplies back to camp.

Saturday 27:
Progress slower. Well hard to clean. Weather good.

Sunday 28:
Returned home today.

Monday 29:
Pat wants us to take over Dixie proposition. Figuring on basis.
Routine at office.

Tuesday 30:
Getting out data for Dixie proposition & cleaning up correspondence.
Took dinner with Geneva & family. Very pleasant.

Wednesday 31:
Busy on Dixie proposition.
Held meeting with Pat, Gehagan, Murdock & Brennan. Agreed upon a tentative proposition.

Thursday 1st
Pay roll for month.
Routine at office.

Friday 2nd
Working on modification of Dixie oil proposition.
Took wife May to Pantages

Saturday 3.
Routine at office.

Sunday 4:
Took wife Ellis, Milton, Lucile & Samuel, Bro Sewell & daughter Blanch and sister J. Golden Kimball to well. Still fishing. Bar difficulties.
Friday evening 2nd my dear friend C. J. Gustaveson passed beyond. He had been sick but a few days, and died of general debility at the age of 81. He was a remarkable character. Deprived of his hearing, for years I have communicated with him by writing. He was a symbol of humility and integrity, and faithful to the core. Since my father's death, he has been like a father to me. Funeral set for Tuesday at 3 P.M.

Monday 5:
Routine work at office
Took Ruth to American Theatre, "Sign of the Rose," presented by disabled war veterans.

Tuesday 6:
Cast my vote early for City Commissioners. Voted for Mayor Nelson, Commissioners Burton & Green, as approved candidates of the

religious fight into the Campaign. It looks like the old fight coming back again.

Attended funeral of C.J. Gustavson in Forest Dale Ward. Small number of people present, but the services were impressive. Company furnished one car + a lovely floral tribute.

Wednesday 7:

Routine at office.

Had long talk with J. Golden Kimball. He unbosomed to me some of his troubles, from which it is clear that considerable friction exists between the leading brethren. Bro. Kimball invested a small amount in our oil Co.

"I'd rather be a devil free than to be a God in chains," he quoted as coming from Elias, but appropriate.

Learned that Steinbrook got tools out of Well.

Thursday 8:

Routine at office.

Had load of coal sent to Well from Jex Lumber Yard, to tide us over until carload arrived which was ordered Monday.

Deputy Sheriff called to arrest C.H. Gustavson and stated he was eluding the officer. This in connection with the divorce proceedings instituted by his wife. He had presumably left for California.

Friday 9: Saturday 10:

Routine at office.

Sunday 11:

Rained most of day and nearly all

Monday 12:

Left for Well. Made 5 ft. during day. formation getting hard. Returned to Sp. Fork for supplies.

Men - 5 teams - started hauling coal Sat. + finished in forenoon today. Road muddy but passable. Weather cleared up and good.

Tuesday 13:

Dressed bit and drilled one ft. Very hard formation - showing some very fine sand, lighter in color. Oil and gas showing. Measured up 1205 ft. No fill this morning. Well making 10 to 12 bailers of water 3½ to 4 bbls. over night.

Wednesday 14:

Dressed bit and drilled about a foot. Left Camp 1:30 for home.

Nellie - sister-in-law - came to stay with me a week while home is being renovated.

Thursday 15:

Spent very pleasant forenoon at Exercises of "Founders Day" of L.D.S. University. I was one of the first day students 37 years ago. School has grown from 70 or 80 pupils to some [illegible] now. It was a gala day for the students. 1st day students honored by present classes. See program in Scrap Book for details. At 7 P.M. class of 1886 dined at Keeleys. Nephi L. Morris Toast-master. Heber Iverson speaker for class. Guy C. Wilson, present Prest. of L.D.S.U., became an honorary member. After luncheon we repaired to Odeon and

Special honor paid 1886 students. Probably 15 or 18 present, including dear old Willard Done, our first teacher, and his admirable wife.

Was accompanied by Wife Ellis and daughter Anna A.

Friday 16: Saturday 17th

Routine work at office

Sunday 18:

Left in afternoon for well to relieve Rodney Shelley who must attend some personal matters.

Monday 19:

Assisting Steinbrook at well. Made about 3 ft. Drilling continues hard. Oil showing apparently increasing

Tuesday 20

Assisting driller in forenoon. Rodney returned at noon and relieved me. Went to Sp. Fork in P.M. Got oil pan on Car fixed and ordered supplies for Camp. Stayed at Sp. Fk. all night as no place to sleep at Camp- Water hauler occupying my bed.

Wednesday 21-

Returned to camp. Took up rotary socket obtained from Columbia Steel Wks. which we had loaned the Water driller.

Returned to Salt Lake.

Weather at Camp has been wonderful.

Thursday 22.

Completed arrangements to take option on Holbrook's oil lease at Virgin. Have

Friday 23:

Routine at office.

Saturday 24:

Routine at Office.

Monday 26:

Heavy snow storm and cold.

Well 1740 yesterday.

On Saturday the "girls" met at Yale home in honor of Wife Ellis. In evening they were met by their husbands and after light refreshments, a meeting was held at which many bore testimony. A very good feeling was experienced.

Tuesday 27:

Had arranged to leave this A.M. for Dixie to look over oil proposition, but the parties intending to go with me could not make connections. Postponed until Friday.

Day clear & cold- Freezing Weather

Wednesday 28:

Routine at Office.

Thursday 29:

Thanksgiving Day. Spent day very pleasantly with Joseph and the Dale Children, and at Yale. Through the blessings of the Lord we were liberally provided with Turkey and other good things to eat. The Lord has been good to us and his people the past year, and I rejoice in His bounteous blessings to me. If I can only have the gift of Faith and the Spirit of Humility I will feel so blessed!

Friday 30:

Left for Dixie in my Car, accompanied by J. H. Jacobs, Engineer, Reuben Peterson and Jos. Billings our Rep. Purpose of trip, to inspect Hilton lands and oil well with object of taking these over.

Raining when we left. Began snowing at point of mountain and continued to Beaver where we stopped at 7 P.M. Very cold and disagreeable ride.

Saturday December 1:

Left Beaver 7 A.M. and breakfasted at Paragonah, arriving at Virgin at noon. Spent afternoon inspecting wells and land, stopping at Hurricane for night. Found snow had continued to the divide beyond Cedar City, and from there to Dixie it had rained, leaving it quite cool at Dixie.

Sunday 2:

Left Hurricane for home, a day earlier than had been intended, as I had an impression we should get home at once. Made Nephi by night. Had 3 very narrow escapes from Auto accident. One at Beaver, where an Auto seemed to try to run over me as I was crossing the road. He just scraped my coat. Near Fruit station our lights were very dim & we came near running off steep grade. Near Holden the roads were so slippery the Auto spun around on a fill and it looked as if we would all go overboard. By the Grace of God we were spared and no harm came to us whatever.

Son Milton ordained Deacon by Sherman

Monday 3:

Visited Sp. Fork, and learnt there of a "fishing job" at the well. I then understand why we were impressed to come home. Arrived at Salt Lake at 12 noon, and found Steinbrook waiting for me to secure a latch jack to pull bailer out of well. Sand line had broken leaving bailer in.

Having necessary repairs made to car after which will leave in morning for Bingham to buy tool.

Tuesday 4:

Left for Bingham at 1 P.M. Purchased Latch-Jack from Utah Copper Co. 100# @ 10¢. per pound & made Springville with Steinbrook & Holohan.

Wednesday 5:

Reached Camp about 9 A.M. Found Clawson & Rodney bailing. More oil showing than I have before seen in this well. About 4 ft. fill. Cleaned out and went in with latch jack about 2 P.M. had bailer out by 3:30.

Thursday 6:

~~Came~~ Went to Sp. Fork last night to sleep & for supplies. Took Pat along. Made well this morning and spliced 7/8" Cable, getting through by 3 P.M. Good job. Left well at 4 arriving home at 7 P.M.

Friday 7:

Heavy snow storm.

Busy at office.

Saturday 8:

Sunday 9:
Milton assisted in passing sacrament in LeGrand Ward S. S. this morning. The first step in his Priesthood Work, since being ordained a deacon last Sunday. This is the beginning of growth for bigness in the Kingdom of God.

Monday 10:
Very Cold. Working on Holoband Dixie lease. Got out new lease and option for Pat & Venton to sign.

Tuesday 11:
Working principally on Dixie lease.

Wednesday 12:
At meeting of Board of Directors of Company at which 8 directors were present, the question of taking over the Dixie lease was thoroughly discussed and it was unanimously decided to take same over provided Lyons would sign ~~into~~ the papers we had prepared for them.

Attended first night of fair in LeGrand Ward, the purpose being to raise money to meet running expenses. It was a program of "gold digging". A veritable bedlam of noises, offering their wares. Girls painted and bare armed offering to tell fortunes, to sell candy, to be voted for as Queen, 100 votes for 10 cents &c. I am wondering just how far we can go as a people in prostituting the sacred buildings of the Lord, in our general scheme of commercialization. We appear to be money mad, and our methods of forcing [illegible] to contribute to the Church

Thursday 13:
Routine work at office. Working on maps for Dixie county. Drilling [illegible]

Friday 14:
Routine at office.

Saturday 15:
Trip to well. Arrived there about 3 P.M. and learnt Cable had broken an hour earlier leaving string of drilling tools in well. Luckily we had fishing tools on hand and picked up the lost string, clearing the hole by 6 P.M. A most fortunate fishing job. I feel to acknowledge the hand of the Lord in the matter.

Sunday 16:
Spent most of day cleaning out well and drilled about 10 inches.

Monday 17:
Drilled about one ft. by noon. Left Camp after dinner, for home. An extremely cold ride. Little Samuel had fallen on radiator and hurt his head badly. He was alone with Lucile. She applied first aid methods, and all is well. O, how I love my children.

Tuesday 18:
Busy at office. Day milder.

Wednesday 19:
Busy with Pat getting up data for Dixie Oil Project.
Snowing part of day.

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Thursday 20:

Routine at office

Quite heavy snow.

Took Samuel and grandson Charles up to see old Santa. It was a picnic for them. Never tackle two kids of their ages 4 & 3 at once.

Friday 21

Routine at office

Left 6 P.M. for Well spending night at Springville. Pat accompanied me.

Saturday 22:

Reached Well 9 A.M. Relieved Stainbrook and boys for Xmas holidays. We drilled 5 ft. and ran out of water.

Sunday 23:

Teams with coal and water arrived, in time to boil well before night. Beautiful weather.

Monday 24

Fixed several leaks in boiler and line & drilled about 4 ft. when cable broke again. [illegible] brot the tools out of the well. We shut down and came in.

Tuesday 25

Christmas. Pleasant day among my many children and loved ones. Warm and beautiful day. No snow on ground.

Wednesday 26.

Heavy snow storm. Turned off very cold. Ordered drilling cable and sand line thru [illegible] Co.

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Thursday 27:

Routine at office - doing some running around with Stainbrooks.

Friday 28:

Took boys - Stainbrook, Thompson, Rodney & his friend to Cheesecake Cafe, for dinner. Had a sumptuous repast.

Saturday 29:

Began raining ending in a heavy snow storm - the heaviest of the season.

Wife Mary quite sick. Spent night nursing her.

Took up defective cable proposition with Salt Lake Hdw. Co. decided to send sample of used cable back to shop for test.

Sunday 30

Spent day at farm, Dale, Josephine at Yale, visiting among loved ones.

Monday 31:

Sent check last payment on my Chev. Auto. which I bot one year ago. Have gone about 13.500 miles in it during the year, and not out of the State once.

Working on letter to stockholders and Dixie proposition.

Tuesday Jan. 1: 1924:

Spent day quietly at home, grateful to the Lord for His past blessings and hopeful for His future guidance.

Wednesday 2:

Working on stockholders letters. Very cold. Water froze in house at Yale...

Thursday 3:
Mailing letters to stockholders.
Very cold.

Friday 4:
Got Assessment off in full to stockholders. Also letter on Virgin proposition in hands of printer.

Saturday 5:
Routine at office.

Sunday 6:
Continues cold. Attended meeting in Mill Creek Ward, also visiting Dale and Yale.

Monday 7
Routine Work at office.

Tuesday 8:
Working at office.
Stainbrook Phoned from Thistle snow too deep for Auto traffic. Rope socket has bad threads. All ready to start but must have new rope socket. Immediately got in touch with Utah Copper + Scout Oil [illegible] to get one of [illegible]
Snowing hard in afternoon.
Settled case of Pingree Bank of Ogden vs. Me, on notes given for stock in Hansen Live Stock Co. - giving my note for 700.00 60 days. Immediately after buying the stock the Company went broke. They had made misrepresentations concerning it, and had sold my notes to the bank. The notes were for 450.00 and interest about two years. The experience will cost me 700.00 and it is worth it.

Wednesday 9:
Dear Helena, God bless her, gave us another girl child this morning - a beautiful little spark from Heaven. Both doing fine.
Routine at office.
Expressed rope socket to Thistle for Stainbrook.

Thursday 10:
Got off letters asking help for Dixie oil proposition - We are endeavoring to ~~purchase~~ borrow 5000.00 to get the plant started, paying the money back with a stock bonus of 10 shares for each dollar.
Pleasant day.

Friday 11:
Opened up like a Spring morning but snowing before evening.
Routine at office.

Saturday 12:
Busy at office taking in assessments.

Sunday 13
Samuel very sick with stomache. His mother was in Sunday School, Samuel & Lucile at home. A voice came to his mother saying, "Hurry home Samuel is sick." She rushed home and found him in a swoon, scarcely breathing and snow white. Through the blessings of the Lord he improved during day.

Stainbrook came in and said he could stand the bad weather & cold no longer, advised me to shut down until weather modified. Called a Board meeting for tomorrow at [illegible]

Monday 14:

At meeting of the Board, decided to shut down operations of Gus. Oil Co. at Diamond until the weather moderated. The work is too expensive. Arranged with Pat to put Virgin lease in Gus. Oil Co, instead of forming a new Company. We pay him 100,000 shares of Co. stock & make it non-assessable for one year.

This I consider a distinct victory and more in keeping with common sense than our previous arrangement. Pehling said I could not do it. Other members of the Board asked me to try.

Samuel much better today.

Settled with Steinbrook & he has quit until we start up again at Diamond.

Monday 21:

Very busy all week with Assessment No. 6. Sent Pat to Diamond on Wednesday to ship rig to Virgin. Saturday sold Oil Villa contract on which there was 3832^{00} due for 3000^{00} Cash to Kimball & Richards. Did this so I could settle up with the Gustavson [illegible] family – D.H. Swift, and get rid of the future bother.

Sunday celebrated Grandma Shipp's 77 Birthday at our home 1264 Yale. Had a number of the Shipp family present and had an enjoyable dinner.

Tuesday 22.

Cleaning up correspondence at office. Took Ellis, Grandma Shipp & Nellie to see the "Fool" Salt Lake Theater. A wonderfully stirring play that I wish everyone could see.

Wednesday 23:

Busy at office all day.

Redeemed my gold watch from Pawn Shop, which I borrowed money on to keep out of Debts. It's tuff to be poor, but better poor and honestly active than rich and dishonest & lazy.

Got coat for wifes Mary and Rose. Glad to be able to do that. I continuously thank the Lord that I was permitted and enabled to keep my children in food and clothing as well as I do. It is a wonderful consolation to me. God has been good to me.

Thursday 24:

Routine at office.

Friday 25:

Hales & Pat came from loading the rig at Sp. Fork.

Saturday 26:

Busy at office all day. Took wife Rose & daughter Lorraine to S. L. Theatre to see the "Fool". Mary, Naomi, Anna, Bertha, Gertrude, & Ellis were at matinee today.

Sunday 27:

Visiting mother with Samuel and Charles. Took lunch with them. Wife Ellis quite sick in afternoon.

Saturday February 2:

At office all week at routine work. Got word that Alsop had stolen the still and boiler from our Virgin property on the night of 26th. This probably means a fight in the courts.

S City to have rig hauled to Virgin.
Had car released on Thursday and rig started to Virgin.

On 30th administered to Bro. and Sister Alonzo Hanson also Sister Alder.

Yesterday the fog was so bad we could scarcely see to drive in the day time. Today the atmosphere is clear and a heavy snow storm in progress.

Got letter from Dave Gustavson inviting me to join him as partner in procuring oil lands in New Mexico. What consummate gall! What a lead of egotism! Better join a caravan and sail for Egypt than again join forces with a man so manifestly dishonest and unfit for the confidence and friendship of a man.

Sunday 3:

Ex-President Woodrow Wilson died at 11:15 a.m. today. The passing of a great man. He was a poor mixer, but possessed high ideals and was an earnest fighter. He made enemies and seemed to hold animosity forever, but he was only mortal. Nevertheless the ideals for which he virtually gave his life, will be realized in practical government before many years, when mankind repents and decides to live the "golden rule".

Attended Sunday School and Fast Meeting at LeGrand Ward.

Pleasant weather, quite warm.

Monday 4:

Routine at Office.

Tuesday 5:

Routine at office. Samuel developed a high fever - sort of flue condition. Delirious

Tuesday & Wednesday 6:

Samuel quite sick. High fever and sore throat. How that child is entwined about my heart! He is literally filled with love. I pray the mercies of the Lord in our behalf.

Thursday 7:

Rest of last night greatly disturbed a/c. Samuel's sickness. Fever high and delirious much of night. During day he took turn for better and we feel the crisis is passed.

A typical spring day.

Friday 8:

Samuel better, but somewhat ill myself. Routine at office.

Saturday & Sunday 9 & 10:

At home nursing up. Nothing serious

Monday 11:

At office. Beautiful spring weather. Thanks to the Lord, my son Samuel is much better.

Tuesday 12:

Routine at office. Lovely spring weather

Wednesday 13:

Entered into selling understanding with Jno. Sherwell and Joe Behling. Combine our efforts to keep cheap stock off market, and place it where it will be appreciated.

Routine at office.

Thursday 14:

Checking over assessment payments, preparatory to getting out delinquent list. Arranged with T.H. Thompson to go to Virgin temporarily at ~~[illegible]~~ 4^{00} per day, 1^{00} in stock at 14 + Bal. Cash.

Friday 15:

Took Dr. Dutcher to farm to examine Wife Mary's eyes + fit them for glasses.

Took Patriarch Harrison Sperry to Dale home. He gave blessings to daughters Ruth, Anna + Gertrude. Told me many things during the Prophet

sat down. To talk when I felt like it, and to talk fired with the spirit of the Lord. Said the Lord would look after me. Told my children to stand by me and assist me, and not let anyone talk against my or what I had done with respect to plural marriage. Had a splendid time and felt the presence of the spirit of the Lord.

Saturday 16:

Routine at office. Geneva's birthday - 25 - She + Joseph + children with me at Dale.

Sunday 17.

Took wife Ellis + children + Grandma Shipp to Uncle Rases at Provo. He recently met with serious accident breaking his hip bone.

Monday 18:

Left at noon for Virgin. Took T.H. Thompson with me to work at wells. Stopped at Nephi for night. Picked up steam pump at Sp. Fork.

Tuesday 19:
Nooned at Beaver. Near Parowan had accident - Blowout in rear tire causing car to veer off the grade, and landing me in a deep culvert. Was making 30 miles per hour. Front wheel broke down. Got help from Parowan. New wheel from Cedar City. Spent night at Parowan.

Wednesday 20.
Repairs completed 9^{30}. reached Virgin at noon. Boys working cleaning out No. 2. ready for pump. No. 1 was on pump making about four barrels. Weather wonderful but very dry. Almonds in blossom. Trees all leafing out. Nights cool, but day excessively warm.

Thursday 21:
Placed tubing & sucker rods in No. 2. & installed pump. Some complication. Necessary to pull rods tomorrow. Pumped No. 1 three times. Placed crude tank on Grade to pump oil into.

Friday 22:
Pulled tubing and sucker rods No. 2. Put in new working barrel, and she pumped off splendidly. No. 1 went bad again. Very Cold. North Wind.

Saturday 23:
Moved rig to No. 3 location midway between No. 1 & 2 and about 250 ft. West. Pulled sucker rods in No. 1 & found valve stopped by match. Laying 2 inch line from Nos. 1 & 2 to storage tank. Very Cold & windy.

Sunday 24:
Finished laying pipes to storage and connected with Nos. 1 & 2. They pumped nicely, No. 1, 35 minutes & No. 2. 1 hour & 15 Min. Also finished rigging up No. 3. - Cold & windy. Ice on water in morning.

Monday 25:
Spudded in No. 3 at 10:30 AM. Drilled about 34 ft. Put in about 28 ft. casing and think water shut off. Beautiful & warm day.

for its feed. Bot 115 ft. Native Lumber @ 40.00 per 1000. Very poor lumber but had to have it. Laid derrick floor.

Let contract for 3 cabins at camp. 12 X 24, Box car roof, 8 ft. ceiling, 217.00 each to Andrew J. Isom of Hurricane. This will enable men to stay at camp and do better work, also watch property. Arranged for man to stay at property at nights @ 3.00 until our men move up.

At Virgin Hotel we had a radio concert, listening in from Denver, Hastings, Neb. and San Francisco. Rather poor concerts, but showing the wonderful possibilities of the radio, and more clearly demonstrating the feasibility of our Father keeping in touch with our words and actions.

Tuesday 26:

Took Pat & Alsop to St. George to confer with Judge Morris regarding ownership of oil still that was illegally taken from our grounds. We effected a friendly compromise.

Wonderful. According to reports they have had none of the cold winds we have experienced at Virgin. Blossoms out, gardening going on and real summer weather.

Returned to well. Made About 20 ft.

Wednesday 27:

Left wells 10 A.M. returning home. Made Fillmore - 180 Miles - Much of road very rough. Dry to Beaver. Slightly muddy to Fillmore.

Thursday 28:

Made home from Fillmore. Visited Diamond Camp en route. All snow gone. No water coming down as is usually the case.

Friday 29:

Busy at office answering questions.

Saturday Mar. 1:

Routine at office. Working on letter to stockholders.

Monday 3:
Storming all day. Routine at office. Looking up tools for Diamond Well.

Tuesday 4:
Held Board meeting today. My actions at Virgin all approved. Decided to start up at Diamond. Virgin No. 3 making 30 ft. per day.

Wednesday 5:
Routine at office. Beautiful weather. Dreamed last night had large production of oil at Diamond of exceptional quality & Jno. C Howard Called me up over the phone in my dream and congratulated me.

Thursday 6:
Took Steinbrook to Bingham today and selected string of 6" drilling tools for Diamond. Took wife Ellis, Samuel, Naomi and Blanche out. Weather beautiful. Yesterday inspected my next car – when the oil comes in – A Packard touring, 7 passenger, single

Friday 7:
Snow storm.
Office routine.

Saturday 8:
Working on letters to stockholders. Delinquent stock sale at 2 P.M. About 75 bidding briskly for stock.

Sunday 9:
Brot. Grandma Shift home for repairs. She has been nursing at Aunt Nellie's & is worn out. Also visited Augusta at Hunter, with wife Ellis & kiddies.

Monday 10:
Routine at office. Ordered 1500 ft. Casing 4 1/2 from S. L. Hdw. Co. Also Camp equipment for Virgin, engine, jack, sucker rods, piping &c. for new well No. 3.

Tuesday 11:
Got letters and option notices out to stockholders – nearly 1500 letters.

Wednesday 12:

Left with Stainbrook and the new Cook Datcher for the wells. Stalled in mud at entrance to Diamond Fork. Reaching camp, I returned to Sp. Fork for needed supplies. Announcement made of funeral tomorrow of five victims of the Castle Gate mine explosion residents of Sp. Fork. Much sorrow is felt over this terrible accident which claimed about 175 victims, whose lives were snuffed out in an instant. "God giveth and God taketh away, blessed be the name of the Lord".

Thursday 13: At Camp. Friday 14

Took Moore the Blacksmith up to fix the tanks - patched and soldered two tanks for water. Also set Shingleton to work digging well trying out for water.

Snowing all day.

Left for Salt Lake arriving home in heavy snow storm 9 P.M.

Hales hauled tools from Sp. Fork to well.

Was advised by Wire on 13th Well # 3. in at Virgin at 552 ft. "splendid showing" It took just 17 days to drill this well, at cost of less than 400^{00}.

Saturday 15:

At office - Appealed case of F. O. Buehl v.s. myself and others, to Supreme Court.

Sunday 16:

Attended meeting in New Yale Ward, in meeting house built in one week to seat about 400 people.

Monday 17:

Rodney Shelley reported at Sp. Fork from Virgin. Sent him to Diamond. Busy at office with mail.

Tuesday 18:

Stainbrook found Jars purchased from Utah Copper Co. would not work. Came to Salt Lake. Ordered another set from Utah Copper Co.

Routine at office.

Wednesday 19:
Beautiful day.
Got another set of jars and Steinbrook off for well. Routine at office.

Thursday 20:
Routine at office.
Attended entertainment given by Roosevelt School at East Side Hight. Josephine & Ellis in play. Very entertaining.

Friday 21:
Wife Mary's birthday. Snowed all night. Pleasant in afternoon.

Saturday 22:
Routine at office. Attended "Passing Show" in Salt Lake Theatre with Wife Ellis & Jr. Ellis.

Sunday 23.
Blustering snow all day.

Monday 24:
Routine at office. At Joseph's for dinner.

Tuesday 25:
[illegible]

gear. Got in about 6 P.M. I left for Diamond at 8 P.M. to take his place in No. 2 stopped at Springville.

Wednesday 26:
Reached Camp 11 A.M. Stuck in Hays' bog. Could get car only to lower Camp house. Steinbrook had sent to Tilly's for our drill socket to be used in taking mud out of well. Boy returned at noon. Found socket had been spoiled. Had to take it to Provo for repair.

Thursday 27:
Left Provo 1:30 P.M. with socket. Picked up Jim. Meason at Sp. Fork to help at Camp. In Hays' bog about 4 hours. Reached foot of hill at Whiting's about 6 - Raining torrents. Could get car no further. Having boots, walked to camp thru rain & mud for [illegible] mile. Got car up by 8 P.M.

Friday 28:
Worked all day cleaning out well. Had blizzards during day. Made some progress. Cased in to bottom of casing.

Saturday 29:
Heavy snow with terrific winds all day. Threatened with grippe. Fighting it. Made some progress in Well. Ran bailer 80 times and tools 22 times, about 3½ miles in all.

Sunday 30
Heavy Wind all night, threatening to blow bunkhouses in. Bailed well, but was forced in cabins on acc. of cold. The worst cold I have experienced in the West.

Monday 31.
After thawing out car from ground and starting it with team, discovered master key in differential broke & cannot run car. Left camp at noon with team for Thistle and took train in.
Weather improved.
Found Ellis Jr. recovering from sick spell.
Tuesday Apr. 1st
Very busy at office. Report from Well that Bull wheel Pinion stripped and [illegible]

to Sp. Fork for repairs.

Wednesday 2:
Ordered new pinion from Long Beach, Cal. Busy at office. Weather ideal.

Thursday 3:
Routine at office. Good weather

Friday 4:
Conference of Church. At 4 P.M. held our annual stockholders meeting of Gustaveson Oil Co. - Re-elected the old board except Pat Holohan electe in place of L. S. Pond.
Saturday 5:
Routine at office.

Sunday 6:
At Conference two meetings with several of my children. Heard sermon from Barrett Hall and on grounds outside by audio. Very Clear.

Monday 7:
Preparing letters to stockholders

Tuesday 8:
Routine at office. Left for the [illegible] mountain to get my Chandler down in Canyon. Towed it down by 8 P.M. with a Ford car.

Wednesday 9:
Found differential knocked out. Had it repaired - 34.00 Reached Home by evening.

Thursday 10:
Preparing to leave for Virgin tomorrow:

Friday 11:
Left for Virgin at 10 A.M. with Jno. Atwell, Theodore Tolman and E.P. Holihan. Took 75 # 60% Gelatine dynamite to use in shooting # 3. Made Beaver for night. Roads generally good.

Saturday 12:
Reached Virgin by 1 P.M. No. 4 pumped 11 hours continuously. Rated at 75 bbls. Shot # 3, and production rated at 70 bbls.
Considerable excitement over field.

Sunday 13:
Visited Zions Park - 18 miles from Wells. Went in on our own gas from Virgin Wells. Lots of people. Could only go about 4 miles up Canyon a/c. of road mending. The wonders of what we saw defies description. Returned reaching Virgin at 5 P.M. Stopped at Virgin at night. Tolman & Atwell occupying the "[illegible] room" at hotel. Tolman weighing about 325 pounds got wedged in tunnel or bed - Affording entertainment. Four fellows came down from Fillmore to enjoy a break on Montville's town. They kept us awake most of night.

Monday 14:
Spent day at wells. No. 3 showing better than 70 bbls. Made run on gasoline little off color & smell. Must be washed. Filled up tank with it.
Decided to spud in another well & work day shift only.

Tuesday 15:
Snow & rainstorm at Virgin. Could

Dined at new hotel at Cedar. Made Beaver for night. Roads bad and very cold weather. Several radiators froze up.

Wednesday 16:

Left 8 A.M. Very cold. Found 2 men about 15 miles out of Beaver where car was broken. They had been there all night in cold & had no fire or food. I pulled them about 5 miles but could get no further. Went on 1½ miles to ranch house, & sent team & food back to them. Going up Scipio hill which was extremely heavy, met car [illegible] in mud. Help pull him out & proceeded. Storm only bad to Scipio. Took off chains. Met car 3 miles S. of Nephi, engine on the "blink". Took message to their relatives near Payson to go & get them. Reached Springville. [illegible] hard day.

Thursday 17:

Intended reaching Diamond today,

arrived home at 10 P.M. Found folks well, for which I am grateful to the Lord. Spent remainder of day at home.

Friday 18:

Planted 20 raspberries @ Yale. Busy at office. Beautiful weather.

Saturday 19:

Routine at office.

Monday 21:

Routine at office. Getting out mailing list for stockholders

Tuesday 22:

Requested advice from Mgr. of Utah Oil Refining Co. on problem of opening our Dixie oil. He is wiring to Jno. C. Howard in New York for instructions.

Wife Mary took another severe spell of gall stone trouble and suffered great pain. Had Doctor from Murray to administer relief for her. He wanted to operate. They all do.

Wednesday 23.

Wife Mary quite bad all day. A turn for the better at night.

Wife Ellis held her annual sewing bee for benefit of our "friend" families in need. It proved a very successful affair and resulted in much good to all concerned.

Busy at office getting in shape for refinery operations.

Thursday 24:

Got Routine at office.

Wife Mary still quite sick.

Friday 25:

Got word through Mr. Holt of Utah Oil Refining Co. to the effect that Mr. C. Howard had voted not to let me have any refining information.

Held Board meeting. Decided to engage engineer for refinery.

Exceedingly cold wind all day.

Saturday 26

Routine at office -

Sunday 27:

Went to Diamond Well # [illegible] by Rebling, Shewell & Ed. Hutchins. Drilling exceedingly slow. Conditions favorable

Monday 28:

Routine at office. Wife Mary took another spell from gall stones that has taken to Hospital for operation. This because through lack of co-operation other remedies have failed. I am not sure that an operation is necessary or wise, except that when the mind is set on same, and everybody in the family is clamoring for it, there appears nothing else to do. We will have it done and hope the Lord will bless our efforts.

Tuesday 29.

Dr. L. A. Stevenson operated on Mary. Found a goodly number of stones in the gall bladder. Took the bladder out. She appeared to stand the shock. I remained in the operating room until the job was finished. Now the

Wednesday 30:
Routine at office. Stainbrook reported breaking of cable and sand line. Got tools out O.K. Have sent down new sand lines.

Thursday May 1st.
Beautiful day. Fixing up stock matters at office. Wife Mary in great pain at hospital. Took duck at warm springs with Ellis Sr. & Jr. Joe and Lucile. Then to hospital.

Friday 2:
Routine at office.

Saturday 3:
Got wire from Pat & Clarence urging me to go to Virgin at once on important business pertaining to the Company. Wired I could not leave Salt Lake now but for Pat to come here.

Sunday 4:
Took four children to hospital to see Wife Mary. She is improving

Monday 5:
Pat and Bruner arrived from Virgin. They are filled with disappointment over the seeming inattention of the Company to the Dixie situation. They claim our property there worth 4 or 5 millions of dollars, and yet we can't get material enough to drill with &c. They were much excited. We decided to rush refinery to completion and continue drilling new wells.
Attend Shipp family Reunion at our residence 1364 Yale Ave. About 45 were present. I was master of ceremonies. Meeting, luncheon and dance.

Tuesday 6:
Working on refining matters and other adjustments. Purchased two boilers 6 x 16, out of which we will make two 40 barrel oil stills. 600.00 price. Have Connell working on plans.

Wednesday 7:
Purchased 1000 ft. 1 1/8 Cable for [illegible]

Thursday 8:

Cleaning up office work. At Board meeting this evening I recommended readjustment of salaries and employment of Joseph Behling permanently at $75.00 per month. This was resisted by Bros. Murdock and Brennion, and sustained by Shurtliff, Halvorsen and Behling. I gave it as my ultimatum and told them it was either this or my resignation. I have been everything to the Company. Have worked beyond my strength at times in its welfare. Have had little or no backing from the directors, and now I have brought in good production at Virgin, and my time is required most extensively there, I must have some help in office. Also my services must be paid for. The Board finally unanimously adopted my recommendations voting me a salary of $3000.00 per year, the largest salary I have ever before received.

Took Wife, Ellis & Grandma Skiff to see the "Old Soak" in S. L. Theatre.

Friday 9:

Gave contract to Salt Lake Boiler & Steel works to fix up stills $170.00

Left for Virgin with Connell our Engineer, Behling, Pat. Roads dusty. Got two "flats" on way. Spent night at Nephi.

Saturday 10:

Made it in to Virgin. Things at Camp cluttered. Everything full of oil. Oscar Clawson at Camp.

Sunday 11:

Spent day working on Refinery plans.

Monday 12:

Finished plans and took trip into Zion's Park with Connell and Behling and Pat.

Tuesday 13.

Left for home about 9 A.M. nooning at Cedar and nighting at Fillmore. Quite cold - Heavy wind storm all night.

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Wednesday 14:
Visited Diamond oil well at home. Well down 1440 ft. Still very hard drilling. Apparently in the lime.
Reached home 6 P.M. Took Henry Cornelius to my Yale residence.
Dutcher walked off job last Sunday & not heard from since.

Thursday 15:
Very busy at office in routine work. Dr. Parley Munson visited me - my brother from Calif.
Friday 16:
Routine at office.

~~Friday~~
Saturday 17:
Steinbrook Phoned the line used for drilling at Diamond was too badly worn to run again. We ordered new line yesterday. Told him to remain there & keep well bailed until new line came.

Sunday 18.
Spent day with grand-children and children - most pleasantly.

Monday 19:
Preparing data for loan at Bank.

Tuesday 20:
Bank offered loan on conditions. Their President is to visit Virgin this week on report.

Wednesday 21:
Routine at office. Preparing to leave for Virgin.

Tuesday 27:
Left for Virgin on 22 - with wife Ellen & sons Milton & Samuel. Spent night at Fillmore. On 23rd reached Cedar City. On 24th attended meeting of Utah Bankers Assn. held at Cedar City and by invitation spoke to convention on the oil situation of Southern Utah. Was given good attention and the information conveyed was well received. In P.M. we continued to Virgin City where we found everything O.K. drilling on No. 6. Well. During the night we bumped pins off bit and were

and a socket. On 25th We went into Zions Park accompanied by Mrs. Cornelius, arriving hotel [illegible] by 7 P.M. Mr. Cook, Pres. Columbia Trust Co. came over in afternoon to inspect oil field. We made Hurricane at night stopping at Iron House. Left 6 A.M. of 26th for Virgin, and about 9 A.M. left for home, stopping at Fillmore at night. Reaching Beaver it began raining and showered hard to Fillmore. This is a signal blessing as the dry farms and live stock interests throughout the State had been seriously threatened thru drouth. On 27th returned home, through heavy rain and hail storm, especially heavy from Juab to Santaquin. Stopped at Uncle Ruis at Provo for dinner. Reached home 4:30 P.M. having enjoyed the trip immensely.

Wednesday 28.
Very busy at office. Got out Asst. notice #7, also news items and working on letter to stockholders.

Thursday 29:
Routine at Office.

Friday 30:
Left for Diamond. Ab. Gallagan went in Co. Car to splice drilling and sand lines. Decided to put in the 4 1/2" casing and get smaller string of tools to drill with.
Went to Thistle in evening on way to Sp. Fk. Oil Co's Camp. Stopped at Kimball House, Thistle.

Saturday 31:
Went to Terry's Camp and procured 4 7/8" Elevators. Returned to Diamond. Ab. made some sleeves for Elevators and begun placing casing by 3 P.M.

Sunday June 1:
Finished placing 1440 ft. casing by 3 P.M. Hole in good condition. Returned home with Stainbrook.

Monday 2:
Busy at office on refining Oil.

Tuesday & Thursday 5 - the same.

One of the girls in graduation exercise. "Its tough to be poor, but my kiddies are worth all the trouble they cause."

Persuaded the stillmen to take charge of making gasoline at Virgin.

Friday 6th & Saturday 7:

Routine at Office.

Sunday 8:

Joseph & family with daughter Ruth left for Hawaii, Joseph to work at Church's offices on Sugar Plantation. Left on 12:55 train S.P.Ry. Ruth goes for much needed rest. Lorraine moves into Joseph's home to help sell it.

Monday 9:

Got word from Vinton we must meet our payment to him on 18th of 3000.00. Left for Ogden to raise money.

Tuesday 10

Got 500.00 from Rivers and promise of 1000.00 from Bowman [illegible]

Wednesday 11:

Last Sat. W. E. Knibbs left for Virgin in Auto. to work at plant. Thompson took midnight train out.

Routine at Office - Took Connell to Garfield to look up S.H. fittings

Thursday 12:

Working on financial matters. Held Board meeting. Decided to issue 8% Gold Bond 75000.00 & give with them 10 Sh. of stock per 1.00 as bonus for loan. Also to try & meet option payments on Virgin [illegible]

S.H. Gustavson came & has a new refinery to offer.

Friday 13:

Working on financial papers. Shortage of water thruout City. No water in homes for several hours. The first of such shortage I remember of. Came on again about 10 P.M.

Last Tuesday my sweet, dear Bertha graduated from U. of U. Took out what is called Junior College Degree in Kindergarden Work. She has a school for this year. Bless the [illegible]

Saturday 14:

Routine at office. Working on Virgin Titles. Very Warm. Forbidden sprinkling privileges today because of scarcity of Water.

Sunday 22:

Routine matters during week. Connell left for Virgin on 20th. Stills loaded for Virgin on 21st. Notes and Mtg. gotten out in amount 175.000.00 to finish stills &c.

On 18th Had Phone from Mr. Porter of Parkford Petroleum Co. Los Angeles, Cal asking for proposition with view to having those people join us in Refinery.

21st Went to Ogden to sell notes. Got two good customers.

Engagement to Mr. Lewis of Nebraska of my youngest Sister Blanche, announced in papers of 22nd.

Stambrook reports on 22, new strata of water in hole at Diamond.

Monday 23:

World war veterans hold convention at Salt Lake, meeting in Tabernacle.

Lieut. Russell L. Maughan of Logan, Utah, today made a world record in aviation, flying from New York to San Francisco - Ocean to Ocean, in less than 22 hours. He ate breakfast in New York and supper in California! What wonders God is permitting to come! Men can no more say that immortal beings cannot move from place to place with lightning rapidity.

Lieut Maughan is a Mormon boy, and uses neither tobacco, coffee or liquor, which doubtless accounts for his wonderful staying qualities and nerve.

Tuesday 24:

Routine at office. Discussed Gasoline handling with Bonner, Belling & White at length.

Wednesday 25:

Got off papers to Virgin and loaded 1st Car of Material from Salt Lake Boiler Wks. Also ordered two Car load of fire brick, about 1000.00

which Behling & I gave our personal pledge to make good.

Also bought boiler from Pepper 300.00 in Company notes.

Thursday 26:

Terrifically hot. Routine at office. Got final action on Deed of Trust and note issue.

Saturday 28th. Left with W.J.Boomer, in his car, for Virgin. Had some car troubles and spent night at Filmore. Made Virgin on 29th. going direct to camp. Found all progressing nicely on the plant, but a strong feeling of inharmony between the drilling crew and the refining crew. Plat had worked up some kind of a deal between Stirling and Spilsbury on what is called the "Downey" land. Stirling and Spilsbury came over and we wrangled until 11 P.M. finally reaching an understanding. On~~g~~ the 30th. had the rig moved on the "Downey" land, in order to hold it while we were looking up the records and getting an agreement out. Boomer and I went to St. George, and with Judge Morris' help satisfied ourselves from the records that the "Downey" land title was reasonably safe. Got Judge Morris to make up Lease and option, which we got on 1st. Met Spilsbury, the son, who really owns the land, and whom we had not before met, at Leeds, and learned from him he had recently given an option on the land. We gave them three days to get the option clear~~x~~ed off or pay us damages for what had been done, returning to Virgin. On 2nd. We visited Section 16, near our holdings, and also the outcrop near Hurricane, showing saturated sand which lies lower in our field than the sand now being drilled. This convinces me that we have a deep drilling field here, with probably very large production. On the 4th. We visited with Pat our Permit up the river and figured out a way of getting our rig on it. Spent balance of day watching people celebrating the 4th. The men largely with Vanila Extract while the women and children ran races and had cracker eating contests. The weather is frightfylly warm. Water awful. Flies terrible, fruit ripe. Cutting 2nd. Crop of alfalfa. First crop of figs on, also peaches.

Saturday 5th.

Dr. White visited camp for few minutes. Apparently well pleased with conditions. First shower for months, it seems, at Virgin. People and crops have been suffering terribly from drouth. Boomer and I trying to effect adjustments in working conditions at camp.

Sunday 6th.

Sent Pat to Cedar to help load material. Arranged with Cornelius for house for Ab and Glen. This will clear the houses for the refinery crew. Started a subscription list for benefit of Mrs. Flannigan, who is entirely without support and has large number of small children. Some heavy rains during the day. A wonderful blessing to the country.

Monday 7:

Getting Rig ready to drill #7. Visited Senator Herbie of Hurricane and he promised to take up some of our notes in a short time.

Tuesday 8:

Hearing that Jos. R. Murdock was not coming down, we got Ab. & Glen moved from the Cottages to town & the still men moved in, then left at 4 P.M. for Cedar. Met 8 or ten teams and trucks loaded with our stuff.

Wed & Thurs. 9 & 10:

Made Nephi on 9th doing some business with Jas. Kelly, at Filmore. On 10th met Stainbrook at Sp. Fork. He is waiting for underwriter. Got home noon. Found Behling in awful stew about finances. He is figuratively sweating blood. Got Boomer to put up $1000.00 as temporary loan.

Friday & Saturday 11 & 12

Working on prospects for money

Sunday 13:

With family once more spending delightful time. Visited Bradley & Augusta in evening. They are in pitiable condition. O, how I long for strength to help them, and others like them. Would that the Lord would use me in helping others I want no greater blessing in this life.

Monday 14:-Wednesday 16:

Working on sale of Company's notes to finance building of refinery.

Monday 28:

Have been working to sell Company note with which to finance operations. We are having up-hill work. People knocking our proposition right and left. To succeed, it would seem we must come up thru much tribulations.

On 24 Took Ellis & children up Am. Fork Canyon, around Mt. Timpanogas down Provo, a most delightful trip. Stopped at Uncle Rasies at Provo and then home.

Moved Rose Jr. into Joseph's home in Highland Drive. She wants to get away from old conditions and environments, and for this I can't blame her. I am hoping that this move will assist her to get hold of herself and get develop into a wonderful woman. She is one of great promise now.

Monday Aug. 4:

Left Tuesday July 29 for Ogden to sell notes for Company. Oscar & I canvassed the field pretty thoroughly, sold 1500=

home Saturday.
Have awful deal of Hay Fever.
Borrowed 500= from Mrs. W. J. Browne 90 days - 8% to help clear up my assessment #7.

Tuesday 5-

Clawson left for Virgin with Mr. Parry and Tracy, representing men in Ogden.

Busy at office.

Wednesday 6:

Received 1000= from Russo for Jos. Zito. Shewell & I. went to Ogden to work with others. Saw Mat Zitto and Russo's Fatherinlaw. Mat decided to take 1000= with Russo's help.

Thursday 7:

Returned to Salt Lake. Routine at Office.

Friday 8: On Wednesday the small boys set fire to cabin at #1364 Yale. About 300= damages. Insured.

Sept. 4:

Aug. 8 to 10. at Salt Lake. 11th to 16th at Ogden selling bonds for Company. Also 20 + 21 - 25th + 28 to 30. Spending entire time financing the Company. Having a hard time. Boys at Virgin somewhat divided - Pit against Connell &c.

Left Aug. 31 for Virgin with Behling. Made Cedar City. Rear end of car went back, and spent Sept 1st getting it fixed reaching Virgin in evening. Spent time straightening out tangle. Got men feeling O.K. Decided to close down boarding house on coming Saturday. Left for home evening of 2nd with Gahagan & Shelby. Stopped at Cedar City. Left Cedar 7 A.M. of 3d reaching Salt Lake via Richfield 300 miles by 8:30 P.M. A hard day. I left Salt Lake with lame back - Lumbago, and the gritty roads have done it no good.

Aug 31st little LeBrinton Randall Grandson of Oscar Clawson, died. It was a sad affair.

old kid - assigned to Grant School to teach as Asst. Binding etc. teacher. Sept. 4 - Joe & Ellis registered in L.D.S.U. 1st year.

John & Olea family down.

Friday 5th

My back very bad. Had dose of lumbago before leaving for Virgin. The long rough rides there & return did me no good. Took sweat bath at W. Springs. Lovely rain came about noon, the first for a long time. It is said we have never had such a dry season for 50 years. All city lawns are growing brown for want of water. Trees & shrubbery dying.

Wednesday 10.

Been in bed with my back on the "blink" since last Friday. Have had a tough time of it. Got down to office a short time today. Financial situation very distressing. It seems like all hell and the devil are determined we shall not win. Sent Behling to Ogden in my ds. Came back empty. I must get out and start something new. Our project must go on. The Lord is behind our efforts. He must be, or we could not have accomplished what we have to date. We will pull thru. My back feels like it is breaking in two every time I move.

Have 11 children in school this year and one teaching school - 3 in L.D.S.U. one in Granite High - 3 in grades at Mill Creek - One at Roosevelt 3 in — north of East Side High and one at U. of U. Bertha is teaching.

Thursday 11

At office. Called special meeting of stockholders in Salt Lake Co. for Sat. night on financial items.

Friday 12

Called to Ogden on bond matters. Went up on train. Back bad but made it.

Saturday 13:

Raised only 700= in Ogden. But

with S. L. stockholders at 7 P.M. About 50 present. Had amazing meeting. Raised 1600= definitely and more will come.

Sunday 14

Spent day visiting among my folks.

Wednesday 17:

Spent last three days cleaning up and preparing to leave for Virgin.

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Thursday 18:
Left for Virgin at 1 P.M. with Ed. Shelly, with bad back. Made Filmore for night.

Friday 19:
Made Virgin by about 4 P.M. Heavy wind all the way down. Could only make about 12 miles per Gal of Gas. as against about 18 to 20.

Met Dr. Parley Mercer from Oakland, Calif. He had this morning lit the fire that started the oil stills going. The run was merely preliminar. The stills foamed over. The boiler sprung a leak. We shut down.

Saturday 20:
Dr. Mercer left for home this A.M. Busy during day getting pipes and tanks cleaned from the foam over of crude yesterday. Also getting No. 4 running, and repairing boiler.

Sunday 21:
Started up the 2 fire stills 6 A.M. We had very hard time getting them above the

Later burnt oil had been run into the stills without "bleeding" the water out of the storage tank first. This was a mistake and will be corrected. We got the run off about 12 Midnight. Hertcamp and men took first shift. With him was Sam Wilson and Andrew Isom. Perry with Shelly and Stirling took last shift.

It was a glorious day. To see the goo distillate come off from our own refinery which we have been working so hard to ~~finish~~ build, and after two other attempts had previously failed was an inspiration. Had a lot of visitors and everyone was well pleased.

This is the beginning of an industry in southern Utah that means the commercial salvation of this section. The people here undergone most terrible privations and distress incident to pioneer life. They are poor. Bp. Earl told me yesterday, he didn't know what the people would have done had it not been for the employment we had given them building our plant. This is compensation to me

But now the oil industry is started. It will grow. I may not be permitted to engineer that growth for long. I am a weak instrument. But some one will take the lead if I should drop out, and the beginning we have made will grow to proportions beyond our wildest dreams now. This is an oil field of importance. We are the first to refine Utah oil in Utah on a commercial scale. I thank the Lord I have been permitted to participate in this work.

O Lord help me to be of some use among thy people — thy poor and need. Give me wisdom to act and to accomplish. Fill me with charity, love and patience. Help me to be truly thy son — to overcome my weaknesses and to fulfill my mission in the earth.

Monday 22:

Spent day discharging oil from stills and cleaning up odd jobs. Decided to release Connell. The boys got up a farewell entertainment for him. A regular old time dance, fid

At 5 P.M. Got all the men together and gave them a talk on their respective duties - harmony of purpose &c.

Tuesday 23:
Took Connell to Cedar where he took train for Salt Lake

Wednesday 24:
Visited various business men at Cedar, including news paper man, Rolls, Shay, Secy. of Commercial Club and Bankers, to get them stirred up on the refining industry. A general good feeling prevailed. Returned to Virgin ~~[illegible]~~ in afternoon.

Thursday 25:
Went to Hurricane for pipe for well drilling and for Welder to do some welding work on the stills. Fitting up emergency boiler at plant.

Friday 26:
Ab. Working on rig at White Well #1, and Refining Crew busy on re-arranging

Saturday 27:
Busy at plant in A.M. Adalotte came in at noon to help on laboratory work a few days. He failed to stop at Cedar and bring the laboratory Apparatus we had shipped in. I went to Cedar after same. The roads are something fearful. 3 hours to go 48 miles.

Sunday 28:
Returned to Camp. Adalotte made runs on oil from Nos. 4 & 2. #4 strongly emulcified and boiled over easily. #2 entirely clear of water. Also ran #3 which performed the same as No. 4. Didn't try to run the stills.

Monday 29:
Running No. 1 still 1/2 charge. Could not get it over 230 F. a/c. of water. Shut it down at night to see if water would settle. Laboratory tests on Wells 3 & 4 showed strong water emulsion which we will have to treat. Test on # 2 showed Initial point 114 F. which is

Showed 37% Gasoline with somewhat higher initial point. This is good oil. Ran off some beautiful gasoline in the laboratory plant. Brot it to town in a flask and several people wanted to drink it thinking it was "white mule" - whisky. Two young girls sitting in an Auto asked for some before knowing what it was, and actually started to drink it. One a 17 year older exclaimed "Hell, I thot it was whisky - I wish it was and I would drink the whole damn bottle of it." Think of it. Two young kids - No wonder they go wrong. Since Prohibition it seems the young people are more eager than ever to drink and they go the limit.

Oscar Clawson came down with Tracy, Russo, Russell and Zito from Ogden and a man from Beaver. They were so pleased with the plant, said they would take the balance of the Bonds.

Working out our problems nicely & hope to soon make some money.

Tuesday 30:

Working with Adelotte in the laboratory. Got thru with his services for the present until we get our heating plant, steam still and agitator running.

Took Pat, his two daughters and Aunt Emma (Cornelius) to opening night of Chitauqua at Hurricane. Program a mystic one & highly interesting.

Wednesday October 1st

Charged Still No. 1 about 50 bbls crud. and ran it to 400 yesterday & let it cool for water. Today we ran it off and got fairly good results.

Attended party given in honor of Aunt Emma's birthday - 35 years old. A regular old time event. Fried chicken, pickles, biscuits and a dance.

Thursday 2: Finished running off No. 1.

~~Thursday~~ Friday 3rd

Ran No. 1 on Gas distillate heretofore taken off the stills. Got good run of gas for use in our Engines.

4th: Went to Leverkin to see about stuff hauled down for our steam still. The right stuff didn't come again so we are delayed. Went to Hurricane for some small supplies.

Ran off quite successfully still No. 1 & loaded still No. 2. White well #1 Got mast made and the stuck tools out of well. Bailed up all kinds of wood. Down about 750 ft.

Told all the men to take a day off tomorrow Sunday.

Sunday 5:

All work shut down except to fill the reservoir. Helped the last two days to repair the ditch in order to get water.

Today I attended Fast Meeting at Virgin and was requested to speak. After I was requested to speak at the M.I.A. meeting at night, which I did on the subject of Mutual Improvement. Enjoyed the spirit of the Lord.

Wrote my Honolulu children.

Monday 6:

Ran off #2 still by 10 P.M. & loaded No. 1 with small charge.

Threatening storm all day & during night it came down.

Got stuff for our steam still after waiting two weeks. Also part of material for our Nos. 1 & 6 wells.

Tuesday 7:

Ran off No. 1 - quite successfully. Lots of water. Storming nearly all day. No stove in hotel. Am chilled to bone.

Got receiving house closed in & started Stirling on lighting system. Pulled sucker rods in No. 3. Pumps better.

Pat returned from Cedar last night.

Glen & Flannigan on White #1 well Down 836 ft. Abe on production.

River up & water muddy black. Boys compelled to leave truck up stream to cross creek but it was to deep.

Wednesday 8:

Clear & pleasant day. Pulled tubing on #4 & took out about 20 ft. trying to eliminate the water.

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somewhere in flue. Shut down to go in tomorrow for inspection. Boiler sprung leaks in flues again and in several stay bolts. Isom finished siding on receiving house + east side of work shop. Ran sample of Alsopo No. 3. in laboratory. About 76.6 Grav. Bl. 70% Gasoline + 18% Kerosene. Some water emulsion, but not bad. However sample should be taken after pumping 3 or 4 days. Stirling working on electric plant.

Thursday 9:

Had Heighcamp go in under still #1, + discovered flue at back of still had collapsed. Dug sand up from around it and Rodney + Perry went in with jacks and straightened it up. Went to Hurricane in evening to see abt. Welder. Yost

Friday 10:

Had Bp. Earl start walling up between flues with rock, Flannigan his helper. Ab tubing Well #1. Welder came + finished up work on steam still. Also tried to weld boiler, but failed to improve it. It is

Miserably cold at plant. Helped to put stove in at hotel + for once got warm.

Yesterday had Pat, Glen + Flannigan dismantle rig at White #1. Down 836 ft. and in wood of some kind. Band wheel gone way. Must get more production near refinery. Have validated the lease O.K.

Saturday 11th

Pat reached rods in No 1 + started her off. It pumps splendidly. In few days we can ascertain her capacity. Have not pumped this well since shutting.

Pat, Ab + myself went to Grafton 8½ Miles to see boiler. Crossed Virgin river + was pulled out of stream. Boiler no good. Got stuck again coming back in quick sand, the water almost covering engine. Finally got pulled out.

Got house moved back over No. 1. Also camp house fixed up. Will lay off tomorrow. Weather very chilly.

Got off detailed letter to Dr. White + associates giving them the situation here as it is. Gave Cornelius contract to move Rig $\$65^{00}$

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Sunday 12th

Took Pat, Ab. + Sterling to Silver Reef near Leeds to see one of the old boilers and purchased one - 60 HP for 125.00 Worth about 500.00 to 700.00 in Salt Lake. Was used 6 months 50 years ago & has been protected from weather. When we dismantle it will know its exact condition, but looks good now.

Silver Reef Mining Camp once flourished with 4000 people, 4 saloons, bank & hotel. Pay roll of 80.000.00 per month. Took out $18,000,000.00. Now of all the buildings once existing only one remains, occupied by Mr. Alex. Coldbath, the care-taker. Main St. is a stretch of rocks, weeds + no town remains. It is like a "Deserted Village". So goes mining towns.

Got rig partly moved down from White Permit - Gave Cornelius contract 65.00 to move it.

Monday 13:

Finished moving rig from White's lease. Only part of men on. Perry in Cedar City.

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Tuesday 14:

Working on Plant. Covering steam still. Assembling rig for Virgin # 7.

Wednesday 15:

Took Ab, Sterling and Henry Cornelius to Silver Reef to get boiler - 3 teams. Got boiler loaded by dark. Weight 9600#. Had to lift it out of position up on a hill to the wagons.

Stopped at Log Cabin Inn.

Thursday 16:

Took until noon to get boiler to top of hill on wagon road with 3 teams.

Returned to Virgin with Ab.

Friday 17:

Getting rig in shape for drilling and running air line to agitator.

Belting wires with Clawson.

Boiler got in and unloaded.

Saturday 18.

Appointed to meet Gov. Chas. I. Mabey

them to Virgin for political rally. Took him to the plant. He was most enthusiastic in praises for what we have accomplished. Stated great praise was due the foresight and courage of the men who had built such a plant &c.

In evening Judge Burton, Dist. Atty Sevy & Sheriff Fay of Cedar, held a meeting, ~~[illegible]~~ succeeded by a dance in meeting house which I attended.

Sunday 19:
Worked at Plant. Dr. White & party came down. Turned everything over to Behling. I returning to Salt Lake tomorrow.

Monday 20:
Left for home via Hurricane, where I had rear end of car repaired and loaded up with Dixie fruits, nuts &c. Stopped at Cedar & arranged for Tut-O-lite compound to be sent to Virgin - Made Beaver.

Tuesday 21:
Made Salt Lake, with a very bad back and car out of repair. The long hard trips are very hard on light cars. Found loved ones at home splendid.

Wednesday 22:
Stayed at home nursing my back, washing cars &c. It is glorious to get home again.

Thursday 23:
Very busy at office. Negotiating for Cisco acreage, where the big gas well came in.

Friday 24:
Busy at office.

Saturday 25:
Went to Ogden on collection tour. Also helped Mrs. Munson sell some interest at Cisco to Russo and Zito.

Sunday 26:

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Water shut off fires. Took Jno. Shewell and daughters & Geo. Milne

Monday 27: to Thursday 30:
Routine at office. On 29th Miss Neilson was so nervous I let her off for two weeks to recruit up. Got some land at Cisco for Gustavson Oil Co..
Snow storm and rain - heavy night of 29 & 30th.
Started to take Osteopath treatment for my back and feeling much better. Found a dis-located hip, which has bothered me for last two months.

Friday 31:
Routine at office. Stormy.

Saturday Nov. 1st
E. O. Sanquinet of Tub-O-Lite firm called to office enroute to Virginia to help solve treating process. Took him to luncheon and a ride about the City.

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Sunday 2:
Attended meeting at Pantages Rev. Elmer I. Goshen, pastor. Gave a good talk on "bigness."

Monday 3:
Held directors meeting of Gus. Oil Co. & levied Asst. #9. one mill per share.

Tuesday 4: Election day. Voted the Republican Candidates - Including Pres. Coolidge, who was elected & Gov. Mabey, of Utah, who was defeated, all other State officers on Rep. ticket elected.
Getting out letters for Assessment.

Wednesday 5:
Storming all day - rain & snow.
Routine at office.

Thursday 6:
Routine at office.
Storming.

Friday 7:
Getting off letters of Assessment to

Spent evening with mother, being her birthday, 78 years old. She is remarkably young, active and beautiful. Subscribed these lines to her:

The sweetest flower that ever grew, was
Our Mother,
The grandest mortal we ever knew, was
Our Mother
The seasons come and the seasons go,
Crowning her head like the driven snow,
Yet the flame pearls of youth are(is) ever aglow
In the soul of our Mother

Madonna, queen of woman kind,
~~Beloved Madonna of all her kind~~;
Our Mother
A greater spirit none can find.
Our Mother
Earth's dust, earth's gold cannot repay
The life that loved and taught God's way,
With steadfast faith in the coming day,
We worship our Mother.

Saturday 8:

Got off 1650 letters in mail to stockholders. Ruth expected to sail for home from Honolulu, a/c. of her health.

Sunday 9:

[illegible]

tomorrow, to sell some interests in oil lands. She has bravely set her hand to the plow once more to help in the heavy household expenses. Made a map of Crescent section for her

Monday 10:

Heavy blizzard and snow storm all Sunday night. Wife Ellis left for Los Angeles.

Tuesday 11:

Traded my Star Auto. for a 1923 Nash. Price 1100^{00} 475^{00} Credit on Star. Compelled to do this as the Star had fallen to pieces with me. The Nash is apparently in good condition and should give good service.

Routine at office.

Wednesday 12.

Got off checks for Virginia pay roll. Wired Behling to come home at once a/c. his father's serious illness.

~~Friday~~ Thursday 13:
Very busy at office.
Friday 14:
Joe arrived with detailed news of his father's illness and conditions at Virgin. His father died during day.

Saturday 15
Met Am. Assn. of State Highway Officials at depot & escorted same to Tabernacle to Musical recital.
Trying to get a house for Rose Jr. Got samples of oil off to wife Ellis. Jumping in 40 directions all day.

Sunday 16:
Looking up house for Rose Jr. Met Ruth at station 7:50 P.M. on her return from Hawaii. She is very tired and not at all well, but a wonderfully lovely girl.

Monday 17:
Decided to let boys go at Diamond and just retain Stainbrook in interest of harmony. Wired for Rodney to come

on premises (Oscar Clawson) who is trying to buy it.
Attended funeral of father of Joe Behling & furnished my car.

Tuesday 18:
Routine at office. Selected house for daughter Rose.

Wednesday 19:
Rose moved to 951, 2nd Ave. 13 per Mo. 7 rooms.
Very busy at office.
Last evening we talked to wife Ellis at Los Angeles over phone. Samuel talked to her. All heard her voice, over 700 miles away. Wonderful.

Thursday 20:
Got Stainbrook & Rodney off for Diamond to finish well.

Friday 21:
Very mild weather. Laid off from accounts. Struggling with S. L. Hardware Co. to satisfy them on our credit. Signed notes for

Dr. White, Belling, Shelbell, Bennion & myself. J.R. Murdock refused to sign. We did it to keep Company alive.

Saturday 22:

At office very busy all day.

Sunday 23:

Went to Ogden to see Tracy, Russo about selling company stock.

Monday 24

Stainbrook and Rodney came in, the former very sick with rupture. Arranged to have Dr. Stevenson operate on him. Went to Sp. Fork to get Terry to work on Diamond Well Board at night.

Belling and Papworth expert refiner left on midnight train for Virgin to put finishing touches on gas & kerosene.

Tuesday 25:

Had conference with Fritz, Russo and Boomer, Ogden about selling Co. stock to help out [illegible]

Wednesday 26:

Very busy at office. Money coming in slow. Creditors driving me mad with their proddings for money. God help me or we sink!

Letter from wife Ellis stating she will stay week or two longer to get deal fixed up good. She is a wonderfully brave woman, and a sweet precious wife and mother.

Saturday December 6th

Busy at office since 26th except trip to Diamond on Saturday 29. Returned Sunday & met wife Ellis from Los Angeles. Her trip was only a partial success, but we are glad to welcome her home.

Heavy snows during week.

Sunday Dec. 7:

Spent day visiting: 1st Mother. 2nd Stainbrook. ~~3rd~~ at Hospital. 3rd attended Blanche's birthday at farm. 4th With Dale kiddies attended entertainment at Howards for Blanche and Raymond, her fiancee.

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Monday 8:
Evening. Routine at office.
Tuesday 9: Went to Ogden with Shewell. Had conference with Zito & Russo regarding financial matters. They promised to help.
Attended Marriage Ceremony of my Sister Blanche who was this evening married to Raymond Shepherd Lewis of ________ Nebraska. He was born May 19 - 1891 - Father's name Horace Lewis.
Pres. Hugh J. Cannon performed the Ceremony at home of my Brother Burtons. A very pleasant affair.

Wednesday 10:
Busy getting out special letter to stockholders asking for financial help.

Thursday 11
Got Stockholder's letter in hands of printer.

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JOURNAL OF J. W. MUSSER

December 12, 1924

to

December 31, 1928

Friday & Saturday 12-13:
Got off letter to stockholders asking for additional help. Also got pay roll to Virgin men for Dec. 1st. Overdrawn at Bank about 300.00 which I will have to cover.

Sunday 14:
Went to Diamond. Men not drilling. Require some additional sand line. Well 1741 ft. Formations changing. Got stuck 6 times in mud and snow going up and down canyon.

Monday 15:
Routine at office. C. Nilsson of Pocatello, Ida. sent in first response to my letter calling for help – 15.00.
Samuel's birthday. We got quite a "kick" out of it.

Tuesday 16:
Rained last night & day very mild. Snowed during the night and turned cold. Attended funeral of daughter of Geo. C. Hill in [illegible]

December 1934

Collected [illegible] & Xmas [illegible]
[illegible]

January 1935:

Wednesday 14:

Because of sickness, work and worry I have failed to keep up record. Have had coldest season for 25 years and snow still piled high in streets.

The struggle we have been going thru has been terrible. Lack of funds and difficulties at the Refinery and in drilling - at times I have felt as another step would be impossible. My own health is breaking down. The stockholders are so hopeful and look to my Management so implicitly, that I cannot give up, but my body and mind are tired and wearing out. At Xmas had pleasant time with my children - Xmas eve, had Auto accident. No one hurt, but Auto badly damaged.

Reservoir pipes is froze up at Virgin. Having all kinds of trouble there. Our creditors pressing me

[illegible]

EPHRAIM'S GIFT

Now the Christmas bells call near and far,
"Give, all ye who have seen His star."

So the knights come forth in their clinking
chain --
"Lord, we will win you your tomb again."
And the drowsing merchants wake and say,
"All hail to the King of Christmas day."

But the King's realm yet is poor and bare.
Beggars and blind men wander there.
His men are sworn to foreign kings,
And their wrists are clasped in great slave
rings.

"Give," ring the bells, so faint and far,
"Give, all ye who have seen His star."

In the still blue dawn of a Christmas day
While the bells are ringing their longing
lay,
Comes Ephraim seeking his Master mild,
Ephraim, bearing a new-born child,
Born to the world last night but one.
"Lord, Ephraim offers a prophet son."

This is the tribute Ephraim brings,
Ephraim's gift for the King of kings.

A.M.

Xmas 1934

Don't read this if
you understand
the poem

Interpretation –

All nations contribute their might to the establishing of Christ's kingdom. The Wise Men brought gold, etc. The nations since have paid tribute one way or another. But Ephraim's race has offered the really effective contribution – the Prophet Joseph Smith, born 2 days before Christmas.

Oh Family Dear!

Oh Family Dear, give ear, give ear
To this the tale I tell;
In spite of all appearances
I love you very well.
In partial payment for your toil
To make life soft for me,
I'd like to give you everything
That would bring joy to ye;
And though I do not know just how
This fact I must confess —
I'd like to help you each upon
Your trail to Happiness.
But 'stead of that or gifts of jewels,
Or furs or books or food
Please take the wish and say,
"Poor girl,
Her heart at least was good!"

L'Envoi

Then here's a string for each of you
To pull — one at a time —
Except for Dad, and if he wants
It, he may have this rhyme.

— Ruth

January 1

Also from Salt Lake Sam Stitt. Rose J. wrote awful letters, accusing me of gross neglect. My family doesn't understand my struggle. Wife Ellie is helping, but my load is too heavy.

Jan. 3 - A son was born to my precious daughter Mary Wright 7 A.M. Wife Mary went to Burley, Ida. a few days since to visit her brothers.

On 7th I went to Diamond on D&RG. to switch + 15 miles in sled. Returned Saturday night, having very bad back. Still bad. Need treatment, but lack time and money.

Yesterday Fifield of Continental Co. came. Discussing gasoline situation.

Josephine was sick after New Year. In fact Sam, Milton, Ellis + Lucile. All in dumps.

Grateful to Lord for life and hope. He has been so very good to me. I do hope the New Year will bring a realization of our hopes + stimulus [illegible]

Thursday 22:

Continued cold weather. Ice and snow on streets renders auto riding dangerous.

Conditions at Diamond improving except delay to fix leaks in boiler. Inbound line at 1760 ft. Met my [illegible] at Virginia, but having trouble with [illegible] company.

[illegible] must be spent [illegible] in [illegible] trouble. I am trying to [illegible] it off. One's [illegible] is [illegible] matter. [illegible] them. They are generally unnecessary. A good sane attitude toward life would avoid lots of troubles. Sweet Ruth was sick with tonsilitis on 21st, with [illegible]. O, how I wish I could do more for these precious children.

On 21st visited Lodge #10 on Lecturing A.F.s. Getting out letters to stock-holders.

Thursday 29:

Ab. came up from Virginia on 27th. Wants money. Has quit work. Cold weather continued until last two

days. Has been thawing, but streets still covered with ice and snow away from business center.

These are days of anxiety. Financially embarrassed, our Company is receiving the jibes of lots of the street walkers and wiseacres. We are constantly humiliated. But the prize is worth the winning and the sacrifice. I am confident that in a few days Diamond Fork will fool the natives and give up of her treasure to us. The Lord has guided us in times past, and we will win in His name. If only we can be patient and wise and commit ourselves as instruments in His hands to be used as He wants us to. Personally I feel that this is the only way. "Thy will not mine be done," O Lord, and help me to accomplish the work for which I came on the earth.

Friday 30.

Had Ruth up to see the doctor [illegible]

Snow melting fast.

Saturday 31st
Ruth at Doctor's again. [illegible] at office.
[illegible] left for Virgin yesterday after selling Badger 40. worth 2 1/4. Badger is breaking the market.

Monday February 2:
Left 8:30 A.M. for Diamond Switch. Met by H. B. Hales with team. Took ten hours to make camp, and had to double up with camp team on the hill.
Larsen - boiler man just got through patching boiler and ready to start down. Joe took him down. Drilled about 3 ft. fill out.

Tuesday 3rd
Hales + I hauled water. Joe reached Camp at about 4 P.M. with supplies. Beat new bit. Dressed old bit twice + new one once during day.

Wednesday 4th
[illegible] bottom + dressed two bits.

Drilled about 14 ft. Run out of lime into very brown shale. Tools work O.K. since fixing stem. Showing of oil in bailer

Thursday 5th
Rained most of night changing about 8 A.M. to snow + clearing off entirely by noon.
On 7th second broke walking beam + left Camp for Salt Lake at 1:30 for new timber. Drilled about 7 ft. + getting more lime. Terry splicing sand line again.

Thursday 19:
Got new Walking beam made and shipped to Sp. Fork on 17th.
On 17th Terry reported encountering water at depth of 1988 ft. This is a disappointment. We were looking for oil.
On 13th Took Belling + Stewell out in my Car. Got as far as Whitings + walked to camp. Decided to underream + set casing to shut off water. About 500 ft. must be cased. Took Stewell + Belling to Sp. Fork for train to Salt Lake

On 14th returned to Diamond leaving Carr & Myers - Team met me there. Snow still deep for Auto.

In rigging casing about four ft. it parted & [illegible] about 600 ft. [illegible] casing spear and the [illegible] at abt. 300 ft. Closed down [illegible] while we get another [illegible] and casing & [illegible] Terry to Virgin to finish No. 7 Well.

Left [illegible] on 16th. Ordered casing spear and sent 1500 gal. casing head gas to Virgin. Am leaving for Virgin tomorrow.

Friday 20:

Left for Virgin with Terry, in Nash Car. Made Beaver. Road between Scipio and Holden very bad.

Saturday 21:

Raining at Beaver. Made Cedar 11:30. Heavy rain storm. Reached Virgin about 3 P.M. Heavy rain. Roads at Virgin in awful shape. Boys laying off [illegible].

Sunday 22:

Spent day with Terry & [illegible] with rigging up drilling machine. Pulled No. 4 for rod trouble. Got No. 2 on pump again. Weather cloudy and [illegible].

Monday 23:

Found No. 7 filled with water. Cleaned out and drilled 11 ft. Found Pit disgruntled. Got him feeling better. Many [illegible] to [illegible]. Have my hands full. Ran stiller to-day very successfully.

Authorized Hopkins to state his permit in which we are interested we to pay the expense of [illegible]. Am more convinced than ever of the value of this field. We must raise money and go after it in earnest. Have been suffering during past few days with heavy cold on my chest. Very painful at times. Some better to-day.

~~M~~ Tuesday 24:

Welding [illegible]. Made [illegible]

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But little drilling. Wednesday 25.
Refining Crew cleaning up residues.
Pulled drilling boiler for cleaning.

Thursday 26:
Pulling No. 3. Wont pump.
Drilled 25 ft.
Ericksons' horse on job broke its leg. Had to shoot it.

Friday 27:
Drilled 20 ft.
Got No. 2 pulled - sucker rods and tubing. Almost coughed myself to pieces last night - My lungs are raw.

Saturday 28:
Went to St. George with Pet to see Judge Morris about suit brt. against Company by Sternberg for alleged unlawful detention of property, which we have not got. Another [illegible] game.
Drilled 31 ft. Present depth on No. 7 - 410 ft.
Got No. 3 on pump again. Pumped well for an hour, then discovered [illegible]. She must be cleaned out.
Crude and blending stock out in

March 1925.

Sunday 1st:
Pulled tubing in No. 4. Oil stands at 520 ft. 35 ft. of it - oil and water. Will let it rest for present.
Drilled 26 ft. Depth 436.
Experimenting on blend for gasoline.

Monday 2nd
Soft plug blew in drilling boiler. Replaced it and made 13 ft.
Got samples of blended stock to Denver and Salt Lake. Preparing stills to run tomorrow.
Sulphuric Acid arrived today enabling me to run kerosine.
Almonds blossoming out. Most beautiful weather.

Tuesday 3:
Ran one still of crude. "Bumped" No. 3 Well. Made about 16 ft. on #7.

Wednesday 4:
Spliced line and drilled to depth of 505 - In grey shale from 470. Three wells pumping. Got off letter to Dr. White.

outlining necessary additions to our plant including pressure still and new drilling rig.

Thursday 5.
Drilled 25 ft. Struck lime and shale.

Friday 6:
Reached 535 ft. Just over oil sand. Quit drilling awaiting arrival of 4" casing to shut water off about 60 ft. down before drilling in.
Run a batch of gas & Kero distillate and made good distillation. Took about 30 hours.
Joined in a dance and chicken feed staged by Gustavson men in meeting house.

Saturday 7:
Terry & helper working on No. 4 trying an experiment.
While we were running a batch of Gas thru the agitator, the belt slipped off the Ajax engine in the shop and the engine walked off its foundation. From the noise I thot the whole

shop building would go. However not much damage was done. We immediately set to work with all hands to remove the cement base to substitute timbers. The boys flew at it like dandies.
Raining all day. Very cold and disagreeable.
Letter from Josephine tells of my dear Samuel falling in the Naylor ford beyond his depth, and he "wiggled" his hands in the water and got to land. He is 5 years old. O, how grateful to the Lord I am for his safe delivery. I am sure his guardian Angel took care of him. The Lord has been so very good to me – a weak, erring son, that I feel humbled beyond words to describe. No greater calamity could come to me, I feel, than to lose my precious Samuel. He has ever been so near my heart – so responsive to my feelings. He is literally more a part of me – than an arm or even the heart in my body, and the Lord has again showed mercy by keeping him with me. I am so grateful.

Sunday 8:

Had appointment to meet Mr. Brice at Cedar, but due to rain and terrible roads postponed the trip. Got foundation finished for the Engine, letting cement settle around the timbers until morning.

This is my 53rd birthday. What have I accomplished during the past year. Have worried much and sacrificed much for the stockholders of the Gustaveson Oil Co. of which I am yet the Manager. It has been a hard year, But I feel the Lord has not forsaken me. He has been mighty kind to me. My children have been a source of pleasure to me. I have many weaknesses and faults I am trying to overcome and am struggling to support my large family. God helping me I will live a bigger and better year next year. If I can only be a useful instrument in his hands, I shall be satisfied. Lord, help me. Bless me with the gift of faith and the spirit of humility.

Dont leave me to myself. I am weak and impotent. I need thee O I need thee, every moment I need thee. Enemies are trying to destroy my usefulness here at Virgin, where I am working to benefit some 1700 stockholders - I am working hard and earnestly. They want me to fail in order to get our property. O. Lord dont let them succeed. Bless my hands and mind. Give me understanding. Help me to see thru their designs. Help me to ward off their devilish thrusts. Many of thy deserving servants are depending on my efforts for the financial relief they require. Their prayers are being raised in my behalf. Please hear them. For their sake help me to succeed. If I am not worthy of this farm, please remove me, and let a stronger and more worthy man take the helm and guide the Company on to safety. Dont let me be a clog in the wheels of progress. But so long as I am permitted to remain the Manager of the Company bless my efforts for the sake of th children. Help me to properly finance the Company. Grant that our oil operations shall prove a blessing to the communities where we are operating, and help me to use my stewardship in the interest of thy poor and down-trodden people. Help me to be honorable in all my dealings, sober in my habits and a good husband and father. And in all things, dear Father, thy will be done, but please fortify me to accept thy decrees whatever they be. In the name of Jesus — Amen.

Last evening Galagan became so abusive in my room over some unpaid salary, that I showed him the door and compelled him to leave. He was making some threats outside when Terry took up the argument and made him shut up. My boys are all loyal to the company now that we are rid of the old drilling crew.

Monday 9:
Was called in twice to administer to Bro. Wilcox's baby. Very sick.

Snowed last night. Left with Terry at noon for Cedar, he to consult a Doctor about his lungs and I to see Mr. Brice about joining hands on the Refinery. Alcorn, Ab and Pat had preceded me to block progress. However their efforts were nil.

Tuesday 10:
Came to an understanding with Brice on a proposition to place before the Board & Returned to Virgin. Snowing practically all the way.

Wednesday 11
Got Engine back on foundation. Yesterday & today pulled tubing & rods in No. 3, and put back with new valve and working barrel.

Thursday 12:
Tried experiment on wells of Compressed Air in No. 4. Apparently wells pumping much better up to noon. Terry & I left for Salt Lake, making Beaver. Heavy snow in Cedar. Terry takes his wife back to Virgin, while he works there.

Friday 13:

Reached home in evening, after traveling all day in snow, wind and rain.

Saturday 14:

Remained at home working on Automobile.

Monday 16 to 23:

Re-adjusting company matters.

Recommended to board we join with California interests in putting in Cracking systems. Also to call special meeting of stockholders to Amend Articles, increasing Capitalization from 100.000^{00} to 500.000^{00} and cutting stock from ten to two million shares. 1,000,000 shares to be used in redeeming outstanding stock on basis of one share in new to 10 shares in old. Board accepted my recommendations. Getting out reports, letters &c.

Adjusted disputes between the Company & W. J. Bonner in friendly manner. Much complaint among stockholders of way they were treated by the Directors

He means well but is too severe and short. He needs mellowing.

Preparing to leave for Los Angeles Wednesday to negotiate for cracking plant. Levied Assessment #11.

Last night I dreamed my sons Joseph and Neil were with me. Neil was small and stunted in his features and form. I thot what a difference — Joseph, well developed, sweet of disposition and grand in his attitude toward life, while Neil, who is fighting the Gospel and my family relations, although high in naval rank, is undergrowth and dwarfed. I pitied him. But he appeared to feel sorry for what he had said and done. I awoke with the impression that his heart was melting and repentance was setting in, and my heart was filled with gratitude. God bless him and grant he shall see aright. He is such a precious soul and has done so well in his work. I do want him to come back to the fold and be one with us.

March 1925

Tuesday 24:
Got wire from Brice asking me to defer trip to Los Angeles until next week when Sandis plant will be in operation.

Sunday 29: P.M.
Took 2:35 train for Los Angeles accompanied by Wife Ellis, who is much in need of a rest.

Monday 30:
Arrived at Los Angeles 2:30 P.M. Stopped at Clark Hotel. Resting up.

Tuesday 31:
Raining most of day. Met Brice and arranged for trip on tomorrow.

Wednesday Apr. 1st.
Accompanied Mr. Brice and Graves on Auto drive to Hollywood, Venice, Ocean Grove, Torrance, Athens on the Hill &c.
Had interview with Hartman people on proposed plant. Mr. Kirkpatrick, Engr. and Mr. Peckham. No plant in operation.
Saw "White Collars" at Egan, a [illegible] play

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Thursday 2:
Accompanied Mr. Rossiam to Signal Hill. Went thru Hancock Refinery - Have topping plant. Making New Navy Gas. Rossiam thinks he could do likewise at our plant. Scouts idea of either Sandis or Hartman plants being of practical value.
Had pleasant interview with Mr. Frank P. Wells, stockholder. He is with us. Saw "No, No, Nanette", a very pretty opera.
At Long Beach saw the Naval fighting squadron anchored near the shore.

Friday 3:
Accompanied Brice, Graves and Birkson to Ventura where a small Sandis plant was being constructed.
Raining in evening.

Saturday 4:
Visited Mr. Venton at Monrovia and got him looking at question of modification of contract in different light.
Raining hard most of day.

Sunday 5:

Met my brother Don and had pleasant visit with him. Also visited Miss Evans, one of our stockholders. Wife Ellis & Miss Evans did the visiting.

Met Birie and rejected his proposition, at least for present.

Monday 6:

Spent part of day at plant of Sierra Refining Co. at Vernon. Was shown rare courtesy by Frank A. Milliff its Manager. Turned out 88,000 Gal. gas yesterday. Plant different from any other I have seen, largely the get-up of Mr. Milliff.

Wife Ellis sold her genuine Kolinski fur cape worth 800.00 for which she traded stock, for 175.00 in order to get some needed clothing for the children, another example of absolute mother unselfishness. She is a wonder.

Attended the worst show, I think I have seen in years. - Greenwich Village Follies at Biltmore Theatre. Absolutely rank.

Apr. 28: Tuesday.

Returned on 9th to Salt Lake arriving on 10th to find All O.K. Had arranged with Mr. Rossison to come to Virgin and look over our plant right away.

Wife Mary had some strange presentiment to cling to me and help to get all family united in doing likewise. She has felt dubious over the situation heretofore. Thank God she is beginning to see. If my wives & children will accept my leadership and stop listening to gossip and idle womens tales of both sexes, they will live happier lives and prove a greater blessing to humanity. Man is not without the woman, nor the woman without the man in the Lord. But there must be a definite leadership. Both cannot assume the head. One must lead and the other must follow. And man was born to lead - woman to follow. It is the law of the universe - the law of the Eternal Gods. To admit the fact doesnot in the least detract from the sweetness and glory of womanhood. No man [illegible] place or rob her of the grandeur of her mission. But she must learn to accept leadership, and her husband, if worthy of her love and of the fatherhood of her children, is that leader; and his leadership cannot lightly be shifted to other men who claim leadership over the Church. God is the head, and then His spirit and divine direction every man who heads a family, has the right and it is his imperative duty, to gain the knowledge that his leadership implies. This duty cannot be farmed out to the Pope or Priest or Bishop or whatnot. Every man must assume it, and to the extent he does assume it and that under divine direction, and to the extent his wives and children back him up in it, to that extent will they taste in growth and get real joy out of life. In the past men and women, due to their dogmatic ideas of religion and their inexperience, have been too prone to turn to the leaders of the Church [illegible]

But now that we are better [illegible] and are guided by better [illegible] men and women must look to God for direction — seek wisdom of the Lord and follow it. Recently a problem was presented to certain leaders of the Church. It was this: In a certain community the presiding officer had given definite advice to the brethren regarding certain temporal matters. In response to his advice he declared [illegible] prosperity to those who [illegible] in accepting the same [illegible] failure in that particular undertaking. The result was that the several brethren heeding the advice failed, while one man who openly denounced the counsel as unwise and refused to be guided by it prospered. The question was; has the leader lost his right to inspiration? Is he a true leader? As a leader would it not have been better to say: "You brethren holding the Priesthood as you do, and being the heads of your respective families, are entitled to the inspiration [illegible]

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the Lord regarding this matter. Try and get it and follow it." Such is my conception of the obligations resting on the shoulders of the men of Israel. Seek wisdom. Live for it. Pray for the Gift of Faith and the Spirit of Humility, and work for these precious, priceless blessings, and then go ahead and live your lives, assuming the leadership of your families, and there is little chance of going far astray.

But ever keep in mind that when the Lord wishes to give instruction along either temporal or spiritual lines, through the head of His Church, in the voice of "Thus saith the Lord," He must do so, and His children must hear and abide it. There is an order in all things. The leaders of the Church are but human. When God makes a Prophet He does not unmake the man. And the Prophet of God, when acting in his own capacity and not under the direct guidance of God, is susceptible of making mistakes [illegible] as the ordinary conscientious layman is in the less important affairs of his life. President Young's announcement in a certain conference in the following language as reported, is in point:

"This morning Brother Brigham talked to you, but now the Lord is going to talk."

It is reported that Bro. Heber J. Grant once stated that he and Bro ___ were cranks on the Word of Wisdom. Well to the extent that he is or was a crank on the W. of W. or any other subject, to that extent at least, he was not guided by the Lord, for God our Father is not a crank. He is sane in all things. He is not intemperate. He guides by love and not by threats. He gives the law and those living same reap the reward. A cup of tea or coffee will not stand between God and man in an eternal relationship. The Lord our Father must look upon many of our threats and actions wherein we mortal [illegible]

[illegible]

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That may be considered wrong today is smiled upon as proper tomorrow in the human management of affairs. When I was a boy dancing was in great favor— that is "square" dancing. But round dancing was severely denounced. Time went on, and the Leaders issued an edict that two round dances might be permitted during an evening. Now our Church Schools and other institutions are actually encouraging round dancing and teaching it. If such dancing was a sin in 1880 or 1900, it is wrong today. Truth is truth forever. Sin is always sin. God doesn't change the eternal laws. He is the same yesterday, today and forever. He does not change, but His children do. So that as before stated: That which may be considered wrong today may be considered right tomorrow, until we all come to a correct knowledge of the truth and cease to look thru a glass darkly. Let God's people be tolerant and sensible, directing their denunciations to themselves and leaving the judging of others to God who alone is capable of rendering righteous judgment. When one is charged with sin let the proper tribunals of God's Church render righteous judgment, but let the people bridle their tongues lest they themselves are judged by God and condemned for committing the greater sin.

"Let he who is without sin first cast a stone." Good God, can't we understand sense! Why volunteer, seek to sit in judgment on those who are better by far than ourselves!

We are but "kids" yet. Let's to learn. Let us hope we will begin before very long to learn at least the A.B.C.s of human perfection.

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Diamond Oil Company

GENERAL OFFICES: VERMONT BUILDING
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

PHONE WASATCH 1783

April 25, 1925.

DEAR STOCKHOLDER:

The Special meeting of stockholders of this Company was held on the 18th in accordance with our letter of March 24th. It was a most enthusiastic gathering. Some two hundred stockholders from Utah and near by States were present and nearly 6,500,000 shares of stock were represented at the meeting. The entire seating capacity of the spacious roof garden of the Hotel Utah was taken up, many of the stockholders being compelled to stand. Frank and liberal discussion was had on the problems presented at the meeting and so far as could be ascertained the voting was entirely unanimous. Our only regret was that a greater number of out-of-town stockholders could not be present and thereby get a first hand impression of the company's operations and outlook. However, so pleased were those present with the operations of the company to date, that a hearty vote of thanks and confidence was given the Management in a resolution presented and enthusiastically adopted. During the proceedings, one young man who has been a stockholder almost from the company's inception, voiced the inspiration the spirit of the meeting impressed upon his mind, in a verse of song tuned to the "Battle Hymn of the Republic," thus:

> Our Company is the most important one in all the State,
> In bringing in producing wells, of which we'll soon have eight.
> The hall of fame shall hold our name; we wont have long to wait—
> For we're still marching on.

This is a fair indication of the feelings of those present participating in the meeting, while the sentiments of those living afar off, as expressed in their numerous communications to the office, was crystalized by one of our Minnesota stockholders into the following happy expression:

> "I heartily endorse increasing the par value of the stock and having fewer shares out. I want to commend your tenacity and determination to win. Stick to it, boys, and you will win. I have lots of faith in you and the proposition."

The financial report for the year was rendered, discussed and adopted. In his report of operations, the Manager covered the field in minute detail, a brief synopsis of his report following:

DIAMOND FORK:

Work on this test, as previously reported, had been discontinued due to unfavorable weather conditions and lack of finances necessary to economically carry on the same. The hole is 2000 feet deep and in a very hard lime formation which may be the capping over the oil. Some water was encountered at this depth which must be shut off before drilling further. A quantity of casing and a car of coal, with other incidentals are necessary to resume work there. The outlook for Diamond Fork is exceedingly encouraging.

VIRGIN, UTAH FIELD:

The Manager reported his recent trip to California to investigate a "cracking" system mentioned in our letter of March 24th. He was unable to find a system that had proven a success commercially, adequate to handle the present limited production of the Company. One process is being perfected that may answer our purpose, but until it has proven itself the Manager recommended no action be taken to procure its installation at Virgin.

He stated that during the year we have been operating at Virgin, we have drilled about 4000 feet of hole, resulting in seven producing wells and the validation of two pieces of property adjacent to our refinery holdings. He thought when our finances are sufficient to properly clean out all the old wells and case them to the bottom so as to avoid the sluffing of dirt from the side walls into the pump valves, we would be able to pump from 100 to possibly 150 barrels of crude per day. Field reports just received indicate that the latest well drilled, No. 7, is the best well in the field, insuring a settled production of 40 or 50 barrels per day under proper pumping conditions. Comparing the Virgin wells with production in other fields, the Manager was convinced that any size well from five barrels per day up is a valuable asset to the company. He had visited a field in California where some thirty wells were being pumped continuously, producing only an average of one-half barrel per well, and yet, according to the Manager of the field, it is a paying proposition. Fields such as Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia were, according to 1924 statistics, yielding less than a barrel of oil per day per well. Our wells have a demonstrated yielding capacity of from five barrels to between forty and fifty barrels per day and the Managers' efforts are now being directed to place these wells in such condition as to insure their maximum yield.

The Manager stated the refining operations had so progressed that much of the difficulty in obtaining the proper distillation mentioned in our March 24th letter had been overcome and the gasoline and kerosene product being turned out was so perfect that the Continental Oil Company began the distribution of same on the 7th inst., and that Companys' officials are so pleased with the product that they are urging we exert every effort to increase the output so the entire southern Utah market can be provided with the products from our refinery. This means A STEADY AND INCREASING REVENUE COMING IN EACH MONTH FROM NOW ON, which the Manager believes within sixty days time will adequately take care of our operations in the Virgin field and give some surplus besides! When it is understood that besides a settled population of some 20,000 people to be served with our gasoline and kerosene, there exists during at least nine months of the year a large tourist trade over the Arrowhead trail from Utah and the East to southern California, besides the enormous traffic into the four national parks of southern Utah and northern Arizona, viz: Cedar Breaks, Zion Canyon, Grand Canyon and Bryce Canyon, one may begin to glimpse the importance of the company's refining operation at Virgin. The Union Pacific System alone, besides spending hundreds of thousands of dollars on buildings and roads in that section, report that the system is putting on some forty 12-passenger coaches to handle the passenger traffic from the railroad at Cedar City to the parks mentioned, which coaches will use motor fuel from our refinery.

"The crying need now," said the Manager, "is a sufficient treasury to take care of our present indebtedness, properly case our existing wells at Virgin; purchase tubing, sucker rods and pump apparatus for four wells not now equipped, purchase some additional storage tanks and, if deemed advisable by the stockholders present, to complete the Diamond Fork test, "while drilling additional wells at Virgin." The amount of between $20,000 and $25,000 was thought to be adequate for this purpose, with the probability that this amount could be considerably cut down through revenues that will be realized from the sale of our refinery products at Virgin.

The stockholders voted for the following changes in the organization of the Company:

The name was changed to DIAMOND OIL COMPANY.

The capitalization was changed from $100,000 to $500,000.

The capital stock was cut down from 10,000,000 shares to 2,000,000 shares, having a par value of 25 cents per share instead of 1 cent as formerly.

Of the 2,000,000 shares approximately 1,000,000 shares were set aside to be exchanged with stockholders for the present outstanding shares on the basis of one share of the new stock for ten shares of the old. The balance of the new issue was ordered to remain in the Treasury to be disposed of under the direction of the Board of Directors.

By a standing vote an overwhelming majority of the stockholders expressed the wish that the Management resume work at Diamond Fork, and rush the completion of that well as rapidly as finances will permit. Steps are now being taken to carry out this mandate.

It was understood that a portion of the Treasury stock would be sold to raise the necessary funds to meet the recommendation of the Manager, and the balance would later be returned to the stockholders in the shape of stock dividends.

The stockholders also provided that before any Treasury stock is offered the public, the stockholders themselves be given the first opportunity of purchasing same in the proportion their holdings under the new allotment will bear to the amount to be sold.

Under this action of the stockholders, the Board now desires to announce:

First: That all old Gustaveson Oil Company stock be forwarded to the office, endorsed on the back by the present holders, and for each ten shares of which we will issue and return one share of stock in the DIAMOND OIL COMPANY. The Gustaveson stock sent in must, of course, be in good standing, all assessments, including No. 11, having been paid thereon. Attention to this matter at once will be appreciated by the company.

Second. 200,000 of treasury stock of DIAMOND OIL COMPANY will be offered the stockholders at 10 cents per share. While the Company will appreciate the full payment down on stock thus purchased, if more convenient to stockholders and so as not to work an unnecessary hardship on them, one-third may be remitted with the application and one-third paid on each thirty and sixty days thereafter. As soon as the stock is paid for it will be issued and delivered.

Third. All communications should hereafter be addressed to DIAMOND OIL COMPANY. It must be distinctly understood that this is not a new company but is the name by which the Gustaveson Oil Company, will hereafter be known.

In the exchange of the old stock for new as above proposed, it is understood that a large number of stockholders will wish to make the amount of the new stock they are entitled to receive up to an even number of shares. For instance: Suppose a stockholder now has 5300 shares of Gustaveson Oil stock, he will receive in exchange therefor 530 shares of DIAMOND OIL COMPANY stock. This he may wish to make up to 800 or even 1000 shares by the purchase of additional shares; and so on. Stockholders desiring thus to increase their holdings should apply for as much of the new stock they may wish to purchase and accompany their application with their remittance. We will endeavor to see that each request is granted. But should it be necessary, under the apportionment plan to cut down such requests, any over payment of cash will be promptly returned. However, we have arranged with a number of the larger stockholders to waive their rights to purchase their proportion of stock until the smaller stockholders are supplied; and it is the intention of your officials to MEET THE DESIRES OF EVERY STOCKHOLDER AS FAR AS POSSIBLE.

Do not overlook the fact that while there were nearly 10,000,000 shares of Gustaveson Oil Company stock issued and outstanding, there is now less than 1,000,000 shares of the DIAMOND OIL COMPANY stock to be issued and outstanding to take the place of the said 10,000,000 shares, therefore DIAMOND OIL COMPANY stock is readily worth ten times more than the Gustaveson Oil Company stock was worth, and even more than that, for in the changes made in the Company's organization, the Company has been given stability. It is now firmly settled on a business foundation and business men who formerly refused to purchase stock because of the large issue of 10,000,000 shares at the 1-cent par value, are now expressing themselves as anxious to buy our stock. Besides placing the company on a common sense business basis for which all stockholders will be pleased, the new arrangement provides means for the raising of needed capital by the sale of a small portion of the Treasury stock thus created, without the necessity of continuing to levy assessments as heretofore. Our policy will be to levy no more assessments, but to raise funds needed by the sale of stock which is made possible by the new arrangement.

At TEN CENTS per share for DIAMOND OIL COMPANY stock, we apprehend that the entire block of 200,000 shares will be readily taken up by the stockholders. Should any be left to be offered the public, application will be made of the Utah Securities Commission for permission to sell the same at 25 cents per share. This, we believe will be the last opportunity any stockholder will have to purchase DIAMOND OIL COMPANY stock as low as 10 cents per share. Since the company is actually a PRODUCING COMPANY, and its products are ACTUALLY being SOLD ON THE MARKET, with the VERY BEST PROSPECTS of a continued increase of output, there is no sensible reason why DIAMOND OIL COMPANY stock should not very shortly command a ready market at par, 25 cents per share and even higher; and with a big well at Diamond Fork, which is sincerely expected, THERE IS NO TELLING TO WHAT PRICE THIS STOCK WILL SOAR. So NOW is the time to purchase. And the present stockholders who have so loyally borne the brunt of the battle thus far, should make every effort to avail themselves of this rare opportunity.

Intense interest is being shown in drilling operations in Utah by outside capitalists. Recently local papers reporting an interview given by Hon. William Spry, United States Land Commissioner, Washington, D. C., stated, "Commissioner Spry said there is a big development of oil all over the country and expressed the hope that Utah would soon come to the front in this regard. * * * He pointed out as a basis for his hope in Utah, that the Geological Survey had stated in a number of publications that this State had the best oil indications of any in the Union."

Opinions from such men mean a whole lot and the above is a very general opinion entertained by men of broad experience in the oil field who have investigated Utah's oil possibilities. For this reason we are sincerely anxious that our present stockholders take advantage of this present offering, which will be held open for them until and including June 1st of this year.

As the Management was accorded a vote of thanks for its labors in your behalf, your officers take this opportunity of thanking each and every one of our stockholders for their loyal backing and encouragement of the past.

Let us hear from you AT ONCE in the enclosed addressed envelope and on the enclosed APPLICATION BLANK.

Sincerely yours,

DIAMOND OIL COMPANY.

April 1923.

On the 18th held a stockholders meeting of Tuctonam Oil Co. and made the changes indicated in the attached letter.

We have struggled long and hard to make this Company a success. On the 7th the Continental Oil Co. began the taking and distribution of our Gas.

Saturday 2nd

Left Salt Lake for Virgin taking Charles Sabemte, Editor of Western Mineral Survey, to have him get facts for publication, I to look into affairs of Plant.

Stopped at Beaver. Ran into a car that refused to let me pass. Did small damage to his car but taught him a lesson.

Sunday 3rd

Made ~~Beav~~ Virgin by 3 P.M. Have had lots of tire trouble on this trip. At Paragonah a cow being lead across the road by a boy, jumped and turned in front of my auto. and was struck and badly hurt. The accident was unavoidable. Will call in on way home to see how serious it was. As owner is a poor woman I will do what I can to help her.

Found conditions at plant very satisfactory. Rossean doing good work. Many favorable comments [illegible] Rossean [illegible]

days work. Up until 1 A.M. talking with Rossean.

Monday 4:

Took Sabemte of Western Mineral Survey to Mine's work and over the field. He is very much enthused over conditions. Left for Cedar with him for 8 P.M. train at 2 P.M. Car trouble near Anderson's and sent him ahead in truck, I following limping, arriving at end of tire rope about 10 P.M.

Tuesday 5:

Got car gone over. New casing. Got truck to haul piping and casing-head to Virgin. Returned to Virgin. All working well.

Friday 8:

Last evening Mr. Rossean ate something that disagreed with him and made him very sick. I rushed him to Cedar today and got him off for Los Angeles, his home

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Saturday 9:
Made Salt Lake. All well at home.

Thursday 28:
Gertrude graduated from L.D.S. High with honors of 1st scholarship prize and Heber J. Grant award. This is the fourth daughter of a despised polygamous family - Ruth, Bertha, Anna and Gertrude, to take this prize. I am grateful to the Lord for such children.

On June 8th went to Ogden & met with stockholders there. Many of them dissatisfied over reports received from Holohan. Also went up on 11th to take picture film of Virgin plant, to Orpheum theater to have run.

June 1935.

10th Read following notice in paper of Neil's bad predicament. Received word that he was improving and on his way to San Francisco, his home.

New Fruit, Strange Fish Found on Isle Off West Mexico

Explorers Rescue Unconscious Man From Lonely Tropical Shore.

Des. News – 1935

SAN DIEGO, Calif., June 10—(AP)—Bringing reports of the discovery of new fruit and new fish and a thrilling rescue story, the mine sweeper Ortolan, bearing a party of American and Mexican scientists, arrived here yesterday from islands and waters off the Lower California and West Mexican coasts.

The party is headed by Dr. G. Dallas Hanna, curator of invertebrate paleontology of the California academy of sciences. The rescue saved the life of Lieut. Neil B. Musser of the U. S. navy.

Lieut. Musser left the main camp of the party on Magdalena island to take a hike through the hills. He carried water and food for one day. The island is only 12 miles long, but it is covered with a dense tropical growth and he lost his way.

When he failed to return the next day, a searching party, with five guides supplied by the commandant of a Mexican penal colony, started out.

This party was out three days without finding the navy officer. On the morning of the fourth day Dr. Hanna, with two other members of the expedition, set out in a motor launch to survey the shore line. At 9 a.m. they saw a thin wisp of smoke curling up from some trees. A heavy sea was running, but Dr. Hanna volunteered to swim ashore and investigate.

Landing safely after battling the seas for half an hour, he found Lieut. Musser.

"I thought he was dead," said Dr. Hanna today, "and he would have died in a short time if we had not come across him. The fierce tropical sun had burned his face and hands almost to a crisp. We saw we had no time to spare if we were to save him, so we got a cod line ashore from the launch and pulled the unconscious body through the surf to the boat. He suffered great hardships, but we expect him to recover completely."

Lieut. Musser started for Vallejo today.

The party found in abundance on one of the islands of the Tres Marias group a fruit of the size and color of the California olive, but much more delicious, according to the scientists. They were unable to identify the fruit. They also found in the waters of the Revillagigedo islands fish of exquisite shades, said by the party to surpass those found in Hawaiian waters.

The Ortolan had to creep back to San Diego, because, off Cape San Lucas the minesweeper's propeller ripped into the carcas of a dead whale, shearing off one blade and damaging another.

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Sunday 14:

Have been having an awful time with lack of finances, complaints from stockholders, executions from creditors, sickness &. At times I feel it impossible to keep the game up longer, and yet how can I stop? My children are dependent upon me. The last few day have been days of anxiety, trouble, worry, but today I feel better.

The grand M.I.A. Jubilee occurred last Sunday to Wednesday. In the parade Gertrude, Ellis and Josephine took part. It is said to be the greatest parade staged in Salt Lake.

July 1st - Wednesday:

Sent Behling and Stainbrook to Virgin last Thursday in Cole Truck.

Yesterday daughter Naomi was married to Everett O. Wallin in Salt Lake Temple by Apostle Geo. F. Richards. They make a nice couple and I believe will get along nicely. At the reception last evening the regular formalities were gone thru, including the kidnapping of the bride and groom. Folks were driven off the lawn in the house by the rain.

Everett and Naomi had their endowments in Temple last Thursday.

Am having an awful struggle raising funds for Diamond Oil Co. Am half sick and worried almost to death. If it wasn't for the poor stockholders I would feel like throwing up the sponge. Burton suggested to me that I forget the Company and settle on a farm in Idaho and quit the worry. I told him life had very little for me other than "Make good" for the benefit of my children and friends. If I can have my children feel I have not labored in vain, I will be satisfied. God help me to make good!

Took Labrunte to Diamond Fork with Shirell, last Saturday. All moving along well so far as I know.

My dear sweet daughter Ruth

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is very sick. She started treatment under Dr. Brown last week, and is on a liquid diet entirely for the present. Building up a new stomache. She is very weak. Father in the name of Jesus Christ, I pray thee to spare her life and restore her to health — Thy will be done, but help me to abide thy will at all times. Bless me with faith and the spirit of humility, and help to guide the footsteps of my children. Help me to bear all things and to be cheerful and kind at all times. Amen.

A beautiful rain today July 1st.

August 5th

Have been very busy at office collecting assessments and getting material down to Virgin. Ordered Hydrator, pumps, Lead ideal, sucker rods (iron) and various articles. Paid off some 7000.00 in debts and current accounts. Taking up with stock brokers in New York, Denver and San Francisco matter of disposing of block of stock for further developments. Mr. R Murdock

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went to Virgin last month, and came back very enthused over what he saw. Now urges us to get to drilling a deep well there. Said success looked sure.

Lucile broke her arm last month. Dr. Stevenson set it. It grew together leaving a bad lump. Dr. Middleton wanted to break it over. Grandma Shipp undertook to nurse it in her very efficient way and avoid re-breaking it. She has been most constant and faithful and took Lucile to Albion, Idaho to Ulric's to continue the treatment while there. She is a most wonderful woman. None beyond like her.

Milton got into mischief with three other boys of the neighborhood. Put some roofing tacks on the road to catch Automobiles. The scheme worked. Result: Juvenile Court.

The boys confessed and were fined enough to cover the damages. It was a good wholesome lesson. They will not be apt to do it again.

When the officer came after Milton to notify him to be at court, he [illegible]

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Samuel at the door. Sam had been sworn to secrecy.

Dialogue:
Officer: Where's Milton?
Sam: Er- er- what?
Officer: Where is Milton, now tell me quick!
Sam: Somewhat frightened. Er-- Oh, Milt, here's the cop, what shall I tell him?

Just like Sam. Originality is his middle name. He is johnny on the spot always. An instance unusual for a 5 year old. He gives great promise for growth and future manhood.

To help Milton out, I arranged to have him go to the Dale and cut wood and fix up the premises, agreeing to pay him for it so he could meet the [illegible] demands. Ruth, Anna and Gertrude when I mentioned the work he were very anxious to have him come (I didn't tell them why I suggested it, only that he might help out and save hiring other help.) When Rose Ab. learned of it she [illegible]

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to have Milton come. She didn't want any of Ellie's children in the home that evening when invited to take dinner there, I told her where my son was not welcome I didn't care to stay. She flew in a fiendish tantrum and as is the rule went wild. I gave it up and told her it was the last time I would try to help her. The children were with me, and felt very badly, but their mother, actuated by a fiendish jealousy remained adamant. And so it goes. As hard as I have strived and worked I only get blame and abuse and my humble request was flatly refused. She has time and again driven me from home, yet I have provided the home the best I could and cared for her; but I give it up. Not in this life will she modify I fear; but perhaps in eternity she will understand things. She first turned against my wife Mary, until I married Ellie (She earnestly solicited me to marry Ellie.) But [illegible] friendly with Mary and deadly against Ellie. She complains that Ellie has won me away from her. As a matter of fact, Ellie has time and again suggested that I spend at least a third of my time with Rose. When the home was sold over our heads during my business failure, of 1914-15, and the Officers were threatening to turn Rose and the children out, and I was in Idaho struggling, Ellie personally took the matter up with Shylock Madsen who had taken the home over, and got a new and very favorable contract, resulting in Rose occupying the home ever since. Ellie has done much during the last few years to assist me in keeping the Hale home up and has shown an unselfishness that few mortals could boast, and yet in it all, Rose has a latent hatred in that comes only from an evil source. The girls Lorraine, Ruth, Bertha, Genna and Gertrude are wonderful and want to [illegible]

and appreciate my efforts. They are standing by me wonderfully. God bless them and help me to make good for their sakes. Judith is also loyal and true blue. Mary Jr. is wafted to and fro by every wind of doctrine. What her brothers think so does she when she is with them. When they are away she tries to think with me. Very unstable. With the Authorities of the Church—some of them—frowning decrying modern plural marriage, I am having the "devil's own time" holding my family together. But the struggle is on and so long as God gives me life, I shall hope and struggle and try to be just to all concerned. I love my beautiful Children. They are wonderful. "By their fruits shall ye know them." By the fruits of my loins then, I am not ashamed to meet the world. I only hope I can hold the circle of children together until God in his Wisdom opens their eyes to the [illegible]

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That vindication will come I am sure. I know that God revealed His will to Joseph Smith and then him to the world. Celestial Marriage was among the great principles restored to earth. It is true. Without it can no flesh be celestially saved. God has said it and that is enough for me. I believe every word of it. With every member in the Church opposed to it, I feel that I would stand and uphold it. The world is dying from sex lust. Those of the Latter-day Saints, who have opposed it, are losing their sons and daughters and Isaiah's prediction is being fulfilled concerning the conditions of the "daughters of Zion." God will not be mocked. The sexual life is a divine order. "Multiply and replenish the earth and subdue it," was not an idle command. God my Father meant it and the command was a righteous one. It is a law today as much as to Adam of old. And yet today the procreative powers of many of the sons and daughters of Zion

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are being prostituted to lewdness. They enjoy the thrill, but murder the life. This condition is growing worse each day. We sing, "Zion prospers, all is well," while the very flower of Zion is dying of sex lust. Amusements, fun, hugging, kissing, showing their breasts and legs. Inviting the male sex to the unlawful and corrupt feast, are among the bold actions of Zion's daughters today. Painting their lips to attract the ~~very~~ eyes of men to the sacred precincts of their bodies - Wearing fancy garters to be viewed by men. Wearing scanty clothing that their forms might beckon the men to the lust feast, are among the actions of the painted and perfumed daughters of Zion who refuse to bear the bodies of God's children but want all the thrills of sexuality. God help us. Let us quit singing "Zion prospers, all is well," and don sackcloth and ashes and repent until the scourge is renewed and we return to the Ways of God as revealed to his People. Only thru the principles of celestial marriage embracing plurality of wives will the world be redeemed from sexual sin and death. This is my testimony: God being my witness - Amen.

Thru the blessings of the Lord my sweet daughter Ruth is renewing her strength. What a wonderful blessing!

Left for Denver on 1 P.M. U. P. train to take up with brokers matter of selling some stock.

Thursday 6:

Arrived at Denver 10:15 A.M. and Registered at Morrison Hotel. Saw Wm. Coates, Asst Mgr. of Continental Oil Co. and after satisfactory conference with him, arranged to meet some Brokers tomorrow morning.

Have been very uncomfortable with Hay Fever, which was aggravated by the heat and dust coming here.

Friday 7:

Have interviewed at length the Colo. Bond & Mtg Co. and the National Business Service Co, besides looking into other Companies. Decided to sign up with the latter Company for disposition of 200,000 shares of stock at 25¢. 15% Commission to them.

Saturday 8:

Entered into contract with Nat. Business Service Co. along above lines and spent part of day going into details with them. Asked to remain over Monday to further assist them.

Sunday 9:

Spent the day for the most part in reading my Bible and got much comfort from it. What a shame we do not do more Bible reading. I am just beginning to appreciate the scriptures and to understand better the great mercies and goodness of the Lord.

Monday 10:
Assisting Mr. Pope in framing up first letter on new stock deal. Left Denver on 6 P.M. train for home. Raining all day in Denver.

Tuesday 11:
Arrived home. Raining. All Well.

Wednesday 12:
Clearing up desk. Matters at Virginia reported fairly good condition.

Thursday 13:
Busy at office, getting out mail and paying bills.

Saturday 15:
Left with wife Ellis & children for Albion, Idaho, to home of Jno. Hill to get daughter Lucile, who has been there with Grandma Shipp, having her arm treated. Arrived about 5 P.M. 205 Miles - Went by way of Snowville.

Sunday 16:
Attended S. School with John and all the family, some 18 in all. After noon the children were out in the field watching the boys ride broncos cows & horses, when daughter Ellis, in a momentary fear jumped off the board fence onto a 20 penny rusty nail and ran it thru her foot, shoe & all, the end protruding over an inch. She bore up wonderfully, never shedding a tear. Extracting the nail she walked to the house. We put turpentine on and began bathing foot in hot carbolized water, keeping treatment up all day and night. She showed wonderful fortitude and the Lord was good to us all.

Monday 17:
Left for home with all the children & Grandma Shipp, eight in car, arriving about 6 P.M. Ellis bore up well. Foot very sore

Behling got back from Virgin Saturday night, with Henry Cornelius and wife. Had Cornelius at home a few days. Behling reports all kinds of trouble at Virgin.

Saturday 22:

Spent week with Behling getting things lined up for Virgin. 500 bbl. tank is at Cedar to be installed on railroad lease. We ordered a 5 ton truck & trailer with tanks for hauling ~~crude~~ Bunker oil to Cedar for shipment to Salt Lake. Total cost about 7000.00. People take 1/3 payment in oil - 18 Mos. for balance. Behling assumes to get the oil on market to take care of the payments.

Friday 28:

Got word thru cable to Aunt Allie Smith, that a son was born to Joseph & Elnora yesterday. Cabled congratulations to them. The Lord be praised for His many goodnesses to us.

Began a course in dieting for permanent cure of hay fever, with Dr. Duckworth, who thinks he can get at seat of trouble and effect a permanent cure. Cutting out the red meats, potatoes, sugar, white bread &c.

Saturday 29:

Spent day getting Behling off for Virgin.

Ruth not so well. Had her out riding twice during week. She seems to have taken heart, and is very poorly, but keeps up her sweet, brave spirit.

Sunday 30:

Spent day S. School at Yale, visiting mother & Blanche and at Dale.

Monday 31.

Routine at office. Working on collections &c.

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Thursday 3rd:
Went to Wellsville with Boomer and Shewell. Back by midnight.

Saturday 5:
Delinquent sale of stock. All stock bid in by Company for Assessment & Int. About 100,000 sh. of Diamond Oil. was sold.

Brot. Bertha and Anna down from Brighton, where Bertha has been all summer.

Monday 7:
Circus. Took Guy, Milton and Samuel. They fed the elephants. Quite a joyful day.

Thursday 10:
Steinbrook came up from Virgin on 3rd. He just couldn't stand it down there any longer without a respite. Started back today to work.

Boys spudded in No. 8 at Virgin.

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Saturday 12:
In Cache Valley with Shewell and Boomer making tests near Wellsville. Home by 5 A.M. Sunday.

Friday 18:
Raining most of day. Wife Ellis has been sick, also Grandson Shipp. In fact we are all pretty much in the dumps. Ellis opening office at 308½ Templeton Bldg. She is determined to work & help out during the depression. The struggle is showing on all of us. Surely times are changing. The poor are being ground down. Everything is running to commercialism. Godliness is fast disappearing. Money, Money on every side. "Gold digging," by Church and State seems the order of the day. Where will it all end!

Saturday 19:
Shewell, Boomer & myself went up north again on exploring expedition, returning home Sunday morning. [illegible]

Weather hampered our progress.

Saturday 26:
Again spent afternoon and evening north with some encouragement.
Wife Ellis went to Heber City last Wednesday to work insurance.

Saturday Oct. 3rd
Have spent the week wrestling with the problems of the Company. Find ourselves in very straitened circumstances and embarrassed.
Ellis was elected Vice President and Joe [illegible] of their respective classes in the L. D. S. U. during the week. Quite a recognition of the kids.

Sunday 4:
Attended Conference. A beautiful day. Shortly after 9 A.M. every available seat in the tabernacle and assembly hall was taken, and the loud speakers placed at the north of the Tabernacle conveyed the proceedings perfectly to thousands of people there gathered on the lawns.

I took Joe, Milton and Samuel.

Monday 5:
Raining hard all day. Working on advertising campaign for sale of stock.

November 1-1925.
During month confined to home with severe attack of Lumbago much of time.
Working as much as possible on stock selling campaign
On Oct. 26- Prepared special paper for Jeremiah Johnson of Lees Ferry, Arizona and Amelia Simmons - Draper - U. x
On 30- Behling left with 2000 Gal. truck and trailer for Virgin for hauling of fuel oil.
Nov. 1st Son Milton set apart as President 23 Quorum of Deacons in Yale Ward by Bp. E. M. Ashton, a distinction of which I am proud.

Monday 2nd
Quite a heavy rainstorm.

Visited around the Island. Ellis Island lies near by. Visited Aquarium and spent some time in lower New York.

Ed. Holbrook came over from New Jersey. He and Mr. Ben Robbins, a New York business man, took dinner with me, and we accompanied Mr. R. to a show up near 90th St. a very amusing little drama of N.Y. east side life.

Thursday 26:

Thanksgiving. Everything was in Holiday attire. Saw the Macy dept. store parade, an advertising stunt put on the street on a gigantic scale. Took Elevated Ry. ride with Holbrook down 9th Ave & Battery and back. Took dinner with him then took him to see "Little Jessie James." He left for home at 5 P.M.

Got thanksgiving wire from wife Ellie and family.

Yesterday afternoon it started to snow and threatened regular winter weather. Today, however, it was glorious. The [illegible]

with humanity and [illegible]. [illegible] that one might at [illegible] in another place or [illegible] is wonderful - but it's [illegible] for me. Utah is the most wonderful place to live that I know of. Of course there is rare entertainment in these big centers but as a place to live in, they have no appeal for me. God be thanked for planting my parents in the Valleys of the mountains, where His glory is breathed into the very being of man.

Friday 27:

Went over prospectus and letters with Thurston and corrected and O.K.'d same. Took all day. Must have 175.00 before he can or will go ahead, to cover printing expenses.

Saw "Vanishing American" a screen play at night - a wonderful depicting of the old Lamanite tribe.

Saturday 28:

This day in New York is one of extreme activity. Offices close at 12 noon.

Tuesday 3d.
Snow storm. Very cold.
Working on stock deal.

Saturday 7:
Weather modifying.
Busy during week on stock deal. Got some small deals thru.

Wednesday 18:
Getting ready to leave for East on stock selling campaign. Have been raising money for Company during past few weeks, but it is awfully up hill work. With the Lord's help I will try my hand in the East.

Thursday 19:
Left for New York at 1 P.M. on Union Pacific via Chicago—over Chicago & N.W. and N.Y. Central. At Chicago assisted Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Cummings, from Salt Lake, making connections for Washington. Arrived New York, Sunday 22d at 3:30 P.M. Registered at Times Square Hotel—2.50 per day with [illegible]

Weather from Salt Lake to New York regular Indian Summer—and delightful.

Arriving at N.Y. took a stroll to get better acquainted with the City. Went up 8th Ave from 43d St. to 57th then east to 5th and down 5th and Broadway to 11th and University Place, thence back to Hotel. For once have my bearings.

Monday 23:
Spent day touching up on my business papers. Saw "sights" of ~~the~~ old ~~Town~~ Broadway on screen. Got off letter to New York stockholders inviting a conference.

Tuesday 24:
Had conference with Wm. R. Thurston, stockbroker, with whom I arranged to handle some stock.

Saw Eddie Milne and paved the way for another conference.

Wednesday 25.
Spent an hour at the Statue of Liberty. Went up inside to the crown

Stores crowded to limit. Scant opportunity to talk business. Took ride on elevated and Sub. north to about 210th St. to Woodlawn, thence back to 18th St. all for 10¢ and could have gone further.

Spent two hours with stockholder Sam, a Hawaiian. He promises to take some stock Monday night.

Sunday 29:

Took early morning train to Trenton, N.J. Penn. Ry. Visited with Mr. Buss, Brotherlaw of Thorne. He showed me unusual hospitality & took 500.00 worth of stock. Pd. 100.00 Cash, bal. Jan. 15. Returned to New York 9:50 P.M.

Saw many of the Revolutionary land Marks at Trenton - Statue of Geo. Washington, crossing the Delaware and others. Delaware is a beautiful stream, wide but shallow. Divides New Jersey from Pennsylvania.

Monday 30:

Forenoon canvassing without results. Afternoon spent in N.Y. Library looking up genealogical data of Mosser family from Lancaster County, Penn. Got some very good information.

Accompanied stockholder Sam of Brooklyn to Capitol Theatre, said to be the largest play house in the world. Must of been nearly 50 members in orchestra. Everything elegant but the program.

Drafted follow-up letter to stockholders.

Tuesday Dec. 1:

Took trip to Newark, N.J. to see stockholder Geo. W. Fickleton, whom I discovered was working somewhere in N. York.

Arranged with Mr. Ben Robbins, a very intelligent young business man to represent me in New York. Accompanied him to Hipodrome in evening also claimed to be the largest play house in the World.

Wednesday Dec. 2:

Spent day in Brooklyn. Visited the famous Coney Island resort and gathered some shells on the Beach.

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Tried to find some of our stockholders. Visited home of Mr. Jocelyn on Bay 7th St. He was not at home. Had pleasant talk with his wife a lady of about 60 who is looking forward to a Western trip—her 1st—from Diamond Oil proceeds.

Thursday 3:

Hustling with no returns. Stormy all day. Having trouble with Bank to cash my checks left for collection on New Jersey Banks.

Friday 4:

Writing Agents and stockholders. Did some shopping for the kiddies.

Saturday 5.

Got straightened up with Bank at 11:30 A.M. and took 2:10 Pennsylvania train out for Chicago, by way of Columbus, Ohio and crossing the Wabash River at Logansport.

Learn that the Pennsylvania Line was the first Railroad to receive a Charter in United States, about 100 years ago.

Sunday 6:

Reached Chicago at 5 P.M. in heavy wind and snow. 5 reported died thru cold last 24 hours. Stopped at Victoria Hotel. Got in touch with 3 stockholders to meet me tomorrow. Wrote Shewell, sending form of letter to prospects reported in by stockholders; also wrote three Chicago stockholders who have no phones.

Monday 7:

Had conference with 4 stockholders. Got them feeling fine.

Saw Pres. Calvin Coolidge as he was riding to train after talking to Farm Bureau people. A tremendous demonstration was given him on the streets.

Tuesday 8:

Had nice talk with stockholder Christensen over phone. Lunched at home of Dr. O.W. Stroke + Mrs. King his mother-in-law. The latter is figuring on taking a good block of stock.

Left on 5:30 train for Duluth.

Wednesday 9:
Arrived at Duluth 8:30 A.M. Stopped at Hotel Duluth, a splendid new up-to-date hotel.
Found G. W. Norain, Dr. J. G. Harris and other stockholders most welcoming in their attitude. Up with them until 11 P.M. - dined with Mr. G. W. Norain.

Thursday 10.
Lunched with Dr. Harris, Mr. Dorsey of Duluth Herald and Mr. Tumblath at Rotarian luncheon. Pleasant time. All stockholders I meet are very friendly. Have appointed meeting for Saturday night after our moving picture Uel is shown free at Star Theatre.

Friday 11
Got out notice to all stockholders of meeting. Visited among them. Dined with Mr. Swenson and family.

Saturday 12.
Working among stockholders. Had picture shown 3 times and held meeting after. Attended [illegible]

Sunday 13:
Stockholders interviewing me at Hotel. Some taking stock. Mr. Wombacher came for me at 3 P.M. & took me to his home at Proctor where we spent enjoyable afternoon & evening. Listened to Radio concerts and sermons from Texas, Chicago, New York, Omaha &c. Up until 12 midnight.

Monday 14:
Visiting stockholders and got some good subscriptions. Took dinner with Mr. Albert Norain. Splendid hospitality. Got thru work 11:30 P.M.

Tuesday 15:
Working among stockholders. Visited Seidman &c. at Superior. Then 12 M.

Wednesday 16:
Winding up work at Duluth. Dined with Dr. J. G. Harris & wife.

Thursday 17:
On invitation [illegible]

Parsons, Norvin and I took lunch with Ste and some friends at the Duluth Woman's Club at noon. Took Soo train for home at 1:30 P.M. arriving in St. Paul 6 P.M. Took Chicago & N.W. Ry. to Omaha & U.P. to Salt Lake arriving Saturday at 7:05 P.M. after traveling 5500 miles in 30 days and visiting a large number of people. My trip was a success and will, I feel sure, result in much good to the Company. While it was fraught with a great deal of anxiety on my part, I feel the Lord was with me and that my cause was blessed.

Found all at home in good shape.

Monday, 21:

Meeting stockholders at office and cleaning up large amount of correspondence.

Tuesday, 22:

Working on correspondence and Christmas shopping for our loved ones.

Sunday 27:

After spending very busy week and a most enjoyable Xmas with my families - the weather like Spring - most mild and no snow. Prepared to resume active Campaign on sale of stock.

Met & had very pleasant interview with Warren E. Johnson of Lees Ferry, Ariz.

Monday 28

Met P.H. Johnson from Short Creek, Ariz. - a strong, sturdy Mormon stock.

Getting Bulletin off for Virgin Tornado -

Thursday 31st

Last day of year. Very busy on financial situation. For last two months have sold abt. 4000.00 worth of stock for the Company. Gradually seeing daylight. 1926 will be our banner year.

1/3/1926 - Milton ordained Teacher in Yale Wd. Jos. S. Perry, mouth

Tuesday 12:

Have been rushed meeting bills and raising money for Company. Stainbrook came from Texas on 4th & Got he & Behling off to well on 6th. Had hard time buying 700 ft casing & "fishing" tool as parties demanded the money. But made it.

Got extension of lease in Diamond Fork from Gudmundsen for 300.00 - 500.00 last year.

Sunday 3rd Bp. Ashton invited me to attend S.S. High Priest class in his Ward. Also invited by Bro Romney the President. Accepted with thanks. First time any official has shown me a kindness in Church matters since the action of the High Council about two years ago. But I know the Gospel is true. God help me to live it.

Attended S.S. at Yale Ward on 10th & enjoyed the class. Studying life of Brigham Young, thru his sermons.

Weather since before Christmas ideal - like Spring. No snow or

rain or wind. Great excitement over oil situation in Utah. We are making our last drive for a big well in Diamond Fork.

Monday 11: Miss Neibaur, our Stenographer sick - Employed Miss Billings from L.D.S. [illegible]

On Jan. 3rd Son Milton was ordained a Teacher in the Yale Ward - Joseph S. Perry, mouth

Wednesday 13:

Good weather spell broke. Started to snow. Got word from Behling, they had coring out of hole, which news relieves a great mental strain.

Wednesday 20:

Wife Ellis left for Los Angeles, Cal. via San Francisco, via Western Pacific, on business & health trip. She has been very poorly for some time with a breakdown [illegible]. She is working too hard. She left on 18th.

Yesterday daughter Gertrude the [illegible] through the Salt Lake Temple. She was accompanied by Ruth. Both are most wonderful girls and will be heard from some day as most excellent fruits of Mormonism and Plural Marriage.

Yesterday my friend W. J. Bowman died of brain abscess. Sick only two days. It was a great shock.

Today I visited Mrs. Bowman at Ogden. Found her prostrate on her bed and mostly unconscious. However at my voice she brightened up and was quite rational. She stated that there was no one on earth in whom Mr. Bowman had such confidence as in myself, and wanted my assistance in straightening up his affairs.

Grandma Shipp's Birthday 78 years of age. Had her down here to dinner.

Friday 22:

Busy at office yesterday & today.

Saturday 23rd

[illegible]

on car track near Monument on South Temple and broke her wrist besides wrenching her back. Had wrist set this A.M. at 8 o'clock, and was teaching her sewing class at 9 A.M., tho she could scarcely stand the pain.

Stewell & I went to Ogden at Noon in Auto. & had conference with Mrs. Bowman & Mr. Bowman's sister, returning home by 5 P.M.

Sunday 24:

Took all the children to S. School, I going in with the High Priests by invitation. Quite a stormy discussion of life & labors of Brigham Young.

Saturday February 6:

Working at Office on finance. Wife Ellie arrived home from Los Angeles Jan. 29; somewhat improved in health. She brot many presents for the children – mainly wearing apparel.

On same date the weather modified [illegible] been having most delightful spring weather. [illegible] went to Virgin Sunday 31st for [illegible] father 6" boots. Left Diamond at noon and was back in Diamond Monday night - a remarkable trip.

Several sicknesses in my family with Flu. Bertha, Susan, Charles, Rose W. Helen &c. All improving now. There has been a regular epidemic of Flu in Utah.

Deseret News announced that Anna was one of 16 in U. of U. who have attained the highest scholastic averages during four years in the University.

She has been recommended for Fell Schollarship in Act. Dept. of Columbia University N.Y., the choice being between she and another party.

Her achievements are phenomenal.

Tuesday 9:

Had Lorraine taken to Hospital. She is in bad condition with flu and probably pneumonia - generally run down. Ruth and Lucile are sick. It beats the Dutch

Friday 12 - Took Wife Mary & daughter Blanche to see No-No-Nanette, at S.L. Theater. All enjoyed show.

Wednesday 17:

Last night and today the heaviest snow of the season - About 14" fell at home. Terrible snow slide at Bingham, killing from 35 to 50 people and doing much property damage.

Thursday 18:

Cold and clear. Getting out letters to names furnished by Mr. Thurston, N.Y. 1000 of them.

Friday 19:

A beautiful spring day. Having received no returns from our New York stock sales effort, I am outlining a campaign from this end and working hard on details. The struggle is fearful. No man can ever know in mortality the bigness of the job of "Making good" to so many stockholders, with money so hard to get for operating with.

[illegible]

Saturday 20 1926.

Working on literature for new stock campaign. Quite cold and cloudy again.

Milton has a job on Saturdays, at Walkers, bless him. It shows grit for the young fellow to work at his age this day and age, but it is just the thing to do.

Yesterday - Friday 19 - 2:15 AM. at L.D.S. Hospital Mary Jeanne Lewis born to my sister Blanche - She is 43 years of age next August, & this is her first child!

Sunday 21:

Attended S. School in Yale Ward, after which visited Blanche at Hospital with mother, Susanne, Charles & Eloise. Also Grandma Shipp.

Yesterday Anna got request from Chicago-Carnegie Institute requesting her to meet with the Committee on Scholarship Awards at St. Francis Hotel, San Francisco Mar 1st at expense of Institute. It likely means free scholarship in Art Dept of Columbia University, N.Y. She is a wonder!

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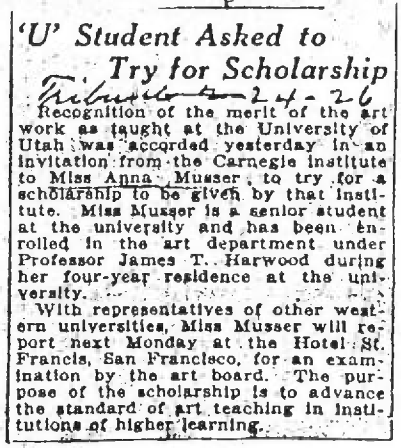

'U' Student Asked to Try for Scholarship

Tribune 2-24-26

Recognition of the merit of the art work as taught at the University of Utah was accorded yesterday in an invitation from the Carnegie institute to Miss Anna Musser, to try for a scholarship to be given by that institute. Miss Musser is a senior student at the university and has been enrolled in the art department under Professor James T. Harwood during her four-year residence at the university.

With representatives of other western universities, Miss Musser will report next Monday at the Hotel St. Francis, San Francisco, for an examination by the art board. The purpose of the scholarship is to advance the standard of art teaching in institutions of higher learning.

Saturday 27:

Have had very strenuous week trying to make financial riffle. My stock campaign is not succeeding and expenses are continuously climbing. Am getting out edition of 3500 letters to try out another bunch of people. The Moab test hasn't proven satisfactory yet and oil interest among the natives here is on the wane, but oil men are coming in from outside and great activity prevails.

Started Anna off for San Francisco this A.M. 7 o'clock. Borrowed money to send her with. God bless her sweet heart. She was so grateful for the the trip. She is [illegible]

Sunday 28:
Took Mother & Herbert to see Blanche. Also took Ruth for ride for health.

Wednesday 3:
Lucile fell over bicycle at school during noon hour and broke her left arm. She just recently recovered from breaking her right arm. Had Dr. Stevenson set it.
[illegible] and today signed two letters to [illegible] the stock [illegible].
Beautiful spring weather.

Thursday 4:
[illegible] returned from California today. Reported a most pleasant trip. Will not return to her school until April.

Had long talk with C. McCarty about early days of Mormon persecution in Utah. He had spent some time in prison for unlawful cohabitation. He spoke of my Father's [illegible] while in the same [illegible] and Prison. While in [illegible] there all the day [illegible] easily continued [illegible] of the influence [illegible] my Father. They were called "[illegible]" After Father left the [illegible] conditions changed, and the rough element gave prison authorities a great deal of trouble.

Friday 5:
Got all letters [illegible] mailed yesterday. Hope they will bring us financial relief.
Snow and [illegible] today.
Took X Ray pictures Lucile's arm and found bad joint. The question is - Shall we leave it or re-set it.

Saturday 6:
Consulted with Drs. Stevenson [illegible] and Middleton regarding Lucile's arm. Separately they advocate one theory and together another. It is difficult indeed to get a fair and intelligent understanding of the proposition; All of which goes to show how little [illegible]

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of medicine or surgery.

A story is told of an interview by a visiting American Sky-pilot with a Chinese official. The American quite ~~a little~~ solicitously asked, "Have you not considered joining Christianity yet?" The Chink answered, "Which one?".

And so it is with the Doctors. When will the people ever be relieved of the burden of doctors and surgeons! God grant the day may soon come. The people are overwhelmed with the burden of these parasites preying upon their property and incomes. We have good men who are following the profession, but the general run of medical men and surgeons are in it for the money and business [illegible], that is getting into the stride of things. The people cannot much longer stand it.

The U.S. is said to have 1/5 of the worlds area, 1/6 of the worlds population and 61% of the worlds telephones and probably 40% of the world's Crimes — what an awful record. We are preparing fast for total obliteration.

[illegible] not stand it much [illegible]

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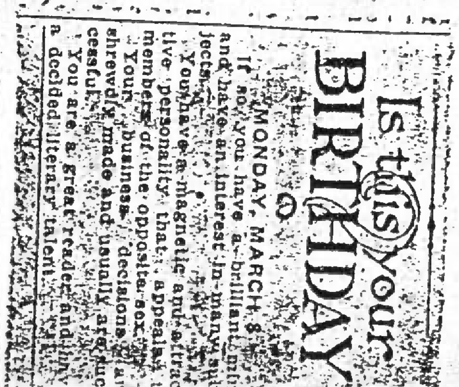
Sunday 7:

Attended S. School at Yale and took part in discussions of lesson.

In P.M. folks had a family gathering in honor of my birthday tomorrow. A most enjoyable time. Present were Wife Mary, her six children and two grandchildren (Mayo) & Son-in-law, Everett Walton; Wife Ellis, her five children & mother; Gertrude & Henning [illegible] — Grandma Mercer, Sister Shipp and Ellis spoke, strongly sustaining me and Mother gave her promising expressions.

Monday 8: 54 years young. Feel young and ambitious to do things, except of late have been troubled with pain in my chest after eating. Probably a nervous condition caused by financial worry.

Bobbie came home from Camp.



IS this your BIRTHDAY

MONDAY, MARCH 8

If so, you have a brilliant mind and have an interest in many subjects.

You have a magnetic and attractive personality that appeals to members of the opposite sex.

Your business decisions are shrewdly made and usually are successful.

You are a great reader and have a decided literary talent.

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Saturday 13:
Have had a [illegible] bitter [illegible] week. [illegible] and I [illegible] Tuesday. [illegible] went [illegible] at Camp. [illegible] back after [illegible] [illegible] up.

The [illegible] are [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] on the [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible].

On Wednesday wife Julia took train for [illegible] to [illegible] Grant with [illegible] returned Friday.

Am suffering intense pains in my chest.

Got [illegible] & [illegible] back toward Camp today.

Sunday 14:
Attended S.S. at Yale Ward. Was assigned lesson for next Sunday. Took Ruth & children out riding. Ruth not so well.

Tuesday 16:
Yesterday & today following up collections and got out letter - 32 follow up for 3000 names.

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Got Cable from Simon, Paris ordering two shares @ 15$.

It came to me last night, that God's purpose in his children is that they shall marry and raise children, as to the form of the Ceremony, the manner of selecting mates &c. He cares little, the big thing is to multiply and replenish the earth and teach righteousness all the days of your life. By "form" of marriage I donot want to belittle marriage in the Temple, which is always preferable, but in absence of that privilege, any marriage tie honorably entered into will receive God's blessing. We should assist bringing the spirits designated for this planet into earthly bodies.

Sunday 21:
Have been hustling for money for Company. It is very up-hill pulls.
Gave part of lesson in Yale S.S. High Priest class.
Wife Mary's birthday. Spent afternoon at Parins.

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Utah Girl May Get Art Scholarship

Trib. 3/23/26

Anna Musser, senior art student at the University of Utah, has been asked to report before the art examining board of the Carnegie Institute at New York to determine her eligibility for an art scholarship. Miss Musser will appear with other regional winners of the examination held last month in San Francisco by the regional board of the institute. The scholarship makes provision for study in Europe and has for its purpose the raising of the standard of art teaching in the colleges.

Miss Musser has been majoring in art at the University of Utah under Professor J. T. Harwood.

UTAH GIRL WINS ART SCHOLARSHIP

News 3/22/26

Anna Musser, a senior art student at the University has been awarded a scholarship for study either in Europe or America, at her own selection.

Notice of the selection came Monday morning from San Francisco where Miss Musser spent the first part of March in competition with other students of this western area for scholarship given by the Carnegie corporation.

Miss Musser has taken an active part in both literary and art work at the University and has received recognition for her work both locally and in San Francisco where she has had several of her works exhibited.

She is one of 10 students in the United States to receive the award. According to Prof. J. T. Harwood, head of the University art school:

"This is one of the most signal honors which has come to the University in a long time. The Carnegie awards are given only to students showing exceptionally high merit."

Miss Musser is a member of the University Art Guild, Chi Delta Phi literary sorority and has been a constant contributor of poetry to the "Pen" University literary magazine.

Monday 22nd.
Attended [illegible] meeting. Feel grateful to God for my children and for the principles of Plural Marriage—which has been the means of bringing many of them into the world. I have reason to be proud of all of them.

Tuesday 23.
Board Meeting. Got stock of [illegible] credit five months also allowance of 100^{00} per Mo. for extra work.
Arranged to take [illegible] up Diamond [illegible]

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Wednesday 24
Left at 8:15 A.M. arriving Diamond in 7½ hours with Mr. Ashbaugh, driller. Unwound drilling cable from reel on rig and proceeded to splice it to new cable—1500 ft just received. Found we had no splicing tools, so I went to Sp. Fork and had some made. Stopped Haggein Hotel, Springville.

Thursday 25.
Looked up Wilford T[illegible] at Orem Station, got splicing needles and supplies for kitchen at camp, leaving for well 10:30.
Got cable spliced—all wound on drum, the [illegible] on the rig, and ready to begin drilling. Now have about 3000 ft. cable, 2000 ft. of it practically new.
Wilford T. starts working for 7^{50} per day Board.
Arrived home 6 P.M. All well but out of coal and cold. Wife Ellie weary and discouraged. She is making heroic effort to make [illegible] and assist me.

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Wednesday 31st

Snowing Sunday and stormy and cold since.

Burton loaned Anna 275.00 for her New York trip and presented her with 25.00 extra. He has a big heart. Ruth still very sick - bed fast most of time. God help her to get on her feet.

Cabled and wrote Simon of Paris regarding protection of Franco-Utah lease and protection of backing of our Company financially. The financial situation with us very poor.

Saturday Apr. 3:

Snowing and raining since Wednesday. Getting out special call for funds from stockholders. Oil situation getting up to fever heat in anticipation of Moab Well test scheduled for today, but delayed again as yet. Cement not properly setting.

April 1926.

Sunday 4:

Attended meeting of Gen. Conference in Assembly Hall with wife Ellis, children Joe, Ellis & Milton, in A.M. and general meeting on Tabernacle grounds in P.M.

Monday 5:

Met Bros. Theo. Henry Jones of Mexico and Franklin R. Jones of Salt Lake and received a wonderful testimony from the Lord thru them.

Wife Ellis quite sick.

Another fishing job at Diamond. Bailer stuck again. Decided to under-ream instead of straight ream.

Thursday 15:

Arbor Day: Planted two large English Walnut trees, one Lambert and Napoleon Cherry and some Shrubbery at home 1764 Yale. Also got off a large mail to stockholders soliciting funds.

Last evening attended American Theatre with wife Mary [illegible]

Mary, Naomi and Blanche. Mary's two children - Mack and Gordon, were exhibited on the screen as prize children, which they are.

Last Friday Behling, Steinbrook and Papworth came down, having set the 4 1/2" casing to 1500 ft. Mark preparatory to under-reaming. Steinbrook wanted another driller to work opposite him on this job as he considered it very dangerous for Papworth, who is not a driller, to be in charge of one shift. Papworth and Behling both felt such a move unnecessary and opposed it. I agreed with Steinbrook and after consulting with Dr. White and Blumell, engaged Ashbaugh on probation. They left Tuesday 13th.

Ordered 350' 4 1/2" Black pipe from Geo. A. Lowe, Ogden and car of coal from Mutual Coal Co.

Weather has been unsettled until yesterday. Now lovely weather.

Daughter Anna left over U.P. Ry. for New York on 5th to meet with the Carnegie Institute on the 9th. She arrived safely.

Wednesday 21:

Daughter Anna returned over R.G.W. Ry. at noon Sunday from N. York & Washington. She was unsuccessful in her contest for scholarship, the Western division of U.S. being awarded one scholarship - which went to a man from Washington. She had a gloriously educational trip and I am proud of her.

Yesterday went to Sp. Fork & met Behling. Dropped under-reamer lug in well. Getting horn socket to take it out with. Brot Ashbaugh back - not competent. I brot him home. Casing down 1540 ft.

Raining since Saturday. Bad roads.

Ordered set under-reamer cutters thru Lund.

April 1926.

Thursday 29:
Took Sewell to Diamond on 25th. Also took Archie Hales to help at Well.

Working all week on financial problems.

Fixing up garden and grounds at Yale home. Put fly screens up on 27th.

Wife Ellis today consummated trade of her Chev. Sedan and certain oil interests for a Buick Sedan valued at 1600.00. It was a wonderful trade. She is a good one.

Will Hill left the farm on 26th for Idaho. He has made himself particularly detestful during past few weeks. Appears to be loosing his mind thru drinking and brooding over religion. He tried to drive me away from the farm last Friday because I would not listen to his jargon of abuse of our people &c.

Friday 23: Filed application for Permit on Salt Creek structure in Utah for [illegible]

COLUMBIA COLLEGE HEAD FLAYS ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE AND THE 18TH AMENDMENT

Tribune 4/29/26.

NEW YORK, April 28.—(By the Associated Press.)—Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia university, declared tonight that the Anti-saloon league was "the most pernicious enemy of the republic that has been produced in my lifetime."

Mr. Butler, speaking at the annual dinner of the Psi Upsilon club, said that the league has United States senators and representative "on its payroll—the $35,000,000 they boasted about the other day in Washington"—and paid their expenses in transporting them about the country to speak in favor of prohibition.

He said that if such a thing were done by the steel corporations or by banking interests "there would be a hue and cry that would reach high heaven."

OUT FOR REPEAL.

Mr. Butler, who previously has denied the efficacy of the prohibition amendment, came out tonight flatly for its repeal. He said it cannot be enforced "without violating the bill of rights, the constitution and statutes as old as the hills."

"The eighteenth amendment," he said, "is invalid and outside of the scope of the amending power of the American congress, the courts simply refused to say so, leaving it a political question—and one that the people must get out of the constitution or pay the penalty."

He urged the amendment's repeal so that each state might then take up the question and settle it locally.

Mr. Butler compared the future of the eighteenth amendment to the history of the fourteenth and fifteenth amendments, enacted to insure equal protection of the laws to negroes and to grant them the ballot. These amendments, he said, were practically invalid in large sections of the country.

"You are face to face with two things," he said. "You've got to let the prohibition amendment go the way of the fourteenth or fifteenth amendment or repeal it. If it goes the way of the fourteenth and fifteenth, what is the effect going to be on the youth? How will it contribute to the crime movement?

FRAMERS KNEW IT.

"We must repeal the Volstead act, return to truth, decency, common sense and law observance—it violates all—it was intended to violate all of them—the men that drew it knew what it would do."

Mr. Butler expressed the belief that public opinion had been absolutely reversed on the prohibition question in the last year and now favored repeal.

He said he had just come from Georgia, where "it is illegal for a physician to prescribe whisky for a dying patient—consequently everybody has it." He said he believed the south and the west would favor repeal if the question were "presented to them properly."

The above sentiments so clearly voice my own on the pernicious prohibition law that I place it here. The law is wrong in principle. In Utah as in Georgia all liquor for sickness must be obtained against the law, and I am convinced that 9 of ten of the adult population of the State - Mormon & Non-mormon alike - some time is forced to break the law to be natural and sane.

With such a condition, what an awful effect is being worked on the minds of the growing up children of the day. It will lead to Revolution. The Reformers in all ages have worked havoc to civilization and true progress. God grant that this Government may be saved from the destructive influences of the Reformers. Education will remedy the evils of liquor. The Gospel of Christ will purify the hearts of mankind and nothing else will do it. We may, if worthy, some time drink wine with Jesus. Law cannot be correct all moral evils. Men cannot be legislated into Heaven. Satan advanced such an assumption once and was cast down to Hell. His missionaries - many of the so called Reformers of this day - are "carrying on" his work. The law is wrong in principle.

Saturday 22:

Have been in a "jam" all May to date. Hustling finances for an operation, appearing on men, getting details of Company in better shape, sickness &c.

On 7th Ruth met with serious complications necessitating a delicate operation, and has been hanging between life and death with serious blood-poisoning since. She now shows some improvement, thanks to the goodness of the Lord. It is costing me over 10^{00} per day for her care alone. At L.D.S. Hospital - Special Nurse &c.

Wives Ellis & Mary have both been down with Flu - likewise Lucile, and Ellis Jr. is on crutches from Sprained Ankle. "Life is just one —— thing after another." But the Lord be praised, we are alive and the future is promising.

30 Years ago while in Tennessee on a Mission I opened a Correspondence with Mr. Dr. Mercer of Pennsylvania concerning genealogical data pertaining

to the Mosser-Moser-Messer family. He told me he & his brother had worked on a record bringing it down to 1872, covering over 100 Years. His Brother had since died, but that I could have the record as soon as he could get it from the Widow of the Brother. After considerable correspondence, I met with seeming failure and could get no actual results. Time went on, I feeling all the time that some day the Lord would open up the way for me to procure that record— when, no doubt, we had the spirit of the work. Some two years ago I again sent out a "feeler" and got in touch with one of the grand-children of the compiler of the book, and my daughter Gertrude took the work up, and by persistent effort finally procured the record last Saturday 15th by Express insured for 1000.00 It is a wonderful record. We are calling a meeting of the "Messer" descendents and will go into matter of procedure. Thank God, at last, we can begin some work, [illegible].

We have done some. Gertrude is giving considerable attention to this work.

Stainbrook, Arch. Hales and Joe Hales came in to dig for Money & all having complaints. It's fierce, but we will succeed.

June 1906.

Saturday 5:

On 27th Took Stainbrook and Gahagan to Diamond Fork— arrangement 10.00 per day straight pay. Arriving they found Behling, Pupworth and Barney up in air & threatening to leave. Accepted Pupworth's resignation & beat Behling in with me.

Finally ironed matters out & Behling & Pupworth returned to Camp June 1st.

Meantime 4 1/2" Casing Collapsed 1000 ft down. Parted in pulling. Still "fishing".

Have been doing with Flee since about 25th [illegible]

This with the troubles at camp and financial worries, has just about floored me. Am feeling better now.

Gertrude graduated from course of Book-keeping, Stenography and Typewriting at L.D.S. business College, receiving the "Grant" Award for high marks and speed. She is a wonder. Last year she received the Grant Award from L.D.S. University.

Sunday 6:

Spent day at opening graduation Exercises at U. of U. with daughter Anna, and at Hospital with Ruth. Gals S.S. in morning.

Anna received High Honors as 3rd of 13 in Scholastic Attainments and was among 32 Seniors to be elected to membership of the honor scholarship fraternity of Phi Kappa Phi.

Tuesday 8:

Attended graduation exercises at U. of U. where Anna received her diploma with "High Honor."

Wednesday 9:

Took Ruth home from hospital. She stood the ride fine, but is very weak.

Tippen arrived yesterday from Chicago. He is one of our largest stockholders.

Thursday 10:

Purchased 1300 feet Standard 4 1/2" black pipe for Diamond. After taking out all the old casing we decided not to place the light stuff back in the well.

Arranged with S.L. Hdw. Co. for casing at 83.50 per 100 ft. We to pay some 480.00 down, 400.00 30 days and Bal. 60 days.

Mailing out another S.O.S. call to stockholders. Having awful time to get funds.

Sunday 13:

Took Shewell, Tippen, Christensen to Diamond, also went over outcrop up Soldier Fork. Brat. Belluing back.

June 1926.

On Friday night - 11th held business meeting of A.M. Musser Genealogical & Biographical Society. Present: Mother, Aunt Anna, Annie Sheets, Jennie and my daughters Gertrude, Anna & Bertha. Met at Roscoe's home & entertained by himself and wife.

Elected J.H. Musser, President
Roscoe " Vice Pres.
Mrs. " " Secy & Treas
Gertrude " Historian.

Decided to arrange for collection of funds to continue Temple work and publish Father's history.

Decided to meet at Aunt Jennie's next year.

Thursday 17:

Pushing work getting financial help. Bothering here trying to get out with Old Cole Truck. Taking Ben Shelley out to work.

July 1926.

Thursday 6th.

Tremendously busy on finance affairs for Company. All kinds of trouble at well. Progress extremely slow. Tools got stuck in casing about 23rd. Crew came to Salt Lake to have rope knife made. Steinbrook in with bad eye. Later pinions on drilling machine broke several teeth pulling casing. Compelled to send to Long Beach for new pinion. Arrived today and Crew left for well.

Compelled to attend as Witness in Govt. Contest with reference to Keeler Shale Group, in which I am interested with Murdock, Collett, Keeler, Brennan, Glade &c. Government trying to take it away from us on ground we were not bona fide locators. Attended each day & finished today. O'Donnell of Vernal was Atty. Senior had charge today.

June 27th Went to Ogden with Shewell and Tippen to see bond holders to get an extension on our bonds. Met with opposition from Russes.

On 3rd took Bertha, Gertrude, Charles & wife Rose to Brighton to spend few days there. I came home same day.

On 4th took wife Ellis and kiddies to Ogden Canyon up as far as water works for ride.

Weather extremely warm during past week, reaching as high as 110°.

Sunday 11:

At about 11 P.M. baby girl came to Naomi. God bless her. It is a terrible ordeal to undergo now that the world and many of our own people are discouraging child birth - or birth control. I hope my children will all do their part in "Multiplying and replenishing the earth."

Some severe rains Friday & Saturday.

With Ellis had some of the

"girls" up to home Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Very pleasant visit. The sisters Tanner and Sister Kelch. Also visited Ada Alder and Bro. Higgs-

Saturday night met with Waterusers on Hill Creek in Mill Creek Dist. and assisted in effecting a corporation of their rights. New Company to be known as "Hill Ditch Irrigation Co.-

Saturday 17:

Busy at office looking after finances. Heat terrific - Reached 101 on Boston Bldg yesterday.

Behling reports 1772 ft. casing in hole. Breaking of Elevator and coupling caused casing to drop 30 ft. Not much damage. Underreamed to 1800 ft. and line broke leaving string of tools in hole. Fixing rope spear to get tools out. Job not considered serious.

I seems that everything that can happen to delay our work does happen.

How long can [illegible]

July 1926.

Thursday 22.

Assessments coming in quite well and getting some relief from Creditors.

Last Tuesday evening had visit from Dr. Johnson, of Pittsburg, who has been giving course in Eugenics at U. of U. He is preparing a book on Eugenics of Mormonism, and desired to interview myself and Wife Ellis on present Polygamy relations &c. Had pleasant one hours discussion with him. He advances some good ideas and is not opposed to polygamy as practiced among the Mormons, but he sadly fails to get our point of view as is always the case with those who are not of us. All their learnings is useless unless directed by the Spirit of the Lord. "The wisdom of the wise shall perish", saith the Lord and how literally true it is! Dr. Jonson paid me a nice compliment on my large family and the fact that all my children are living. Credit of course, is due the Lord.

July 1926.

Tuesday 27:

On 23rd left at 6:30 A.M. for Bear Lake, arriving at 1 P.M. with Wife Ellis, and children except Milton, who was compelled to remain home to deliver the Tribune on his route.

We stayed until morning of 25th, returning home at about 3 P.M.

Visited Laketown, Ideal Beach, Garden City, Fish-haven, Paris and ~~Mt. Pel~~ Mountpelier. Had a glorious time. Occasion was in honor of Wife Ellis' birthday.

Assessments Coming in. Esther Bennion started to work this A.M. while Miss Nebane is away on vacation.

August 1926.

Saturday 7:

Boys in from Well. Report water shut off. Casing down 1800 ft. Water had been coming in from the 1500 ft. level and not from the 2000 ft. as we had believed. The mistake was [illegible] bust them.

We have spent about 5 months and thousands of dollars to find out Terry's mistake. It has been a terrible job.

Took Mr. H. Stonehill & Mr. Fox out to well on Thursday and selected string of drilling tools for Stonehill to drill hole at Virgin.

Rodney Shelley started to Diamond on Monday Aug. 2nd 9th for actual day.

Fri. Met Mrs. Gertrude Moser Taylor at S.P. station from Los Angeles on July 30th. She stops at our Salt Lake home as guest of daughter Gertrude. Showed her around Saturday, Sunday & Monday, she leaving on 8:30 P.M. train for East.

Joe Behling came in on 30th pretty well played out. Had him take my car, leaving Monday morning, for outing with wife & child, week or 10 days. Ab. Gahagan came in with bad eye and took Truck back out. Behling got back Aug. 11th & went to well on 17th.

Monday 16th

After reporting a water shut-off at the well on the 6th Stainbrook, Gahagan, Shelley and Papworth came in Saturday to let casing set. One evening Stainbrook while waiting for street car near Murray was run into by an Auto, and his leg broken, with other injuries.

Laid Papworth off as since Stainbrook with whom he has been working, will not be able to go back for some time - perhaps never, there is no place for Papworth.

Miss Neibaur quit as we are reducing salaries & she didn't wish to stand the reduction. Employed Tana Billings at 75.00 per month, she to start on 15th.

Ordered 1000 ft. 6 x 7-1/2" sand line from S.L. Hdw. Co. Express from Denver.

Mrs. Hertzauf came up on 6th and made a very flattering report of matters at Virgin. She returned on 14th

August 1926.

We are desperately in need of financial help on our Diamond Fork Well. The assessment is not coming in fast, and we had so many debts to take care of, we are again short. What a struggle it is. Little do the stockholders know of our worry and grief; and in the very nature of things we cannot tell them as they will not fully understand. I am only an instrument in the hands of the Lord and whatever His will may be I hope to accomplish it. I hope to have strength to meet every condition and every purpose of our Father.

Sunday 22:

Thursday Belling phoned in another fishing job. Line broke. Tools recovered. Ordered 1000 ft. 7/8 drilling line from Denver, Express.

Terry Larsen came in to pull casing at Thistle to sell to Stonehill at Virgin.

Going to Brighton today to bring wife Rose & daughter Bertha home & to take Nellie's [illegible] - Mrs [illegible]

August 1926

Tomorrow I leave 5 A.M. for Vernal to attend hearing of our shale suit vs. Government.

Belling, Gahagan & Shetley in yesterday. Out this morning.

Tuesday 31st.

On 23rd left at 5:30 A.M. for Vernal as witness in case of U.S. Gov't vs. R.S. Collett et al. in Shale land contest.

Took from Salt Lake R.S. Collett and a Mr. Farr - Crt. Stenographer. Picked up Jos. B. Keeler at Provo, and met Jos. R. Murdock at Heber. Changed to Murdock Car - Buick Sedan which I drove arriving at Vernal about 4:30 P.M. - 225 Miles from Salt Lake via Provo.

Attended Case Tuesday and Wednesday until 3 P.M. Left Vernal at 3:45 P.M. arriving Heber about 11 P.M. having got off road on wrong detour in Strawberry Valley. Changed cars & drove to Salt Lake, arriving home 3 A.M. Thursday.

Lights in my car went back on me in Price Canyon [illegible]

August 1926.

driving without lights.

At office Friday and Saturday, having hard time meeting financial requirements.

Blanche had tonsils out on 23rd Dr. Rothwell of Murray. It is the style and of course the style must be followed. It is a good style for the doctors as they collect from 35.00 to 65.00 for 1/2 hours work. It doesn't matter about the patient. It is damnable that we have adopted the customs of letting Butchers cut us to pieces just because the age and financial demands require it. The great army of doctors couldn't live now-a-days without great surgical jobs. They are cutting into my family awfully. If the children would live a normal life, eat carefully, keep their systems clean and use ordinary common sense, there would not be one operation where there are 100 now. Truly we are copying after Babylon.

Blanche is not healing up and she [illegible]

August 1926.

Took Ruth up for an X Ray this 31st. Drs. are still experimenting on her, but she is tired and sick of operations.

Attended S. S. & Meeting in Yale Ward on 29th Splendid time.

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Wednesday 1st

Behling reported inability to take hold of parted casing 826 ft. below. Discouraged. Requested me to go out.

Thursday 2:

Left 6 A.M. Met Behling at Hays enroute to Pecos to have guider tip ma on casing spear. Left truck there and took him to Pecos in my car.

Back at Camp at 4 P.M. Ran in with casing on spear and worked until 8 P.M. Could get no hold. Parted casing evidently crowded against wall.

Friday 3:

Worked for hold; failing we pulled casing and bent guider and [illegible] for broader spread. Returned casing to hole and began fishing about 4 P.M. Got hold in about two hours. After working about two hours casing parted about 700 ft. down. Pulled casing.

Saturday 4.

Behling left Camp in my car with another casing spear for welding job about 7 AM. Back at noon. Run in 700 ft casing in 1½ hours, took hold abt. 3 P.M. Worked until 8 P.M. Could make no headway. Left casing on 10" strain all night

Sunday 5.

7 AM. at work with casing stretching and racing same. For a more even and gradual pull put casing clamps on and used two jacks. Worked jacks and engine until got a stretch of 13 inches. About 3 P.M. casing parted at thread about 70 ft. down.

Behling left at once for Reno to get another casing spear fixed. Returned at midnight.

Monday 6:

Run in with casing spear and took hold. At 7 P.M. casing parted at 1093 ft. Brot up the 3 casing spears, leaving some 740 ft. casing in Well.

Tuesday 7:

Left camp with boys to have different spear fixed for the lower casing. Brot boys in to Salt Lake for breath.

Wednesday 8:

Busy at office.

Thursday 9:

Returned to Camp with Tobyan & Shelley, Behling bringing up pipe and spear in truck from Reno. Worked all day cleaning hole.

Friday 10

Went to Crescent for trip spear. Cracked shaft on car. Took it to Jackson Motor Co. Reno for fixing. Got out about 3 P.M. Stopped at Thistle, tire trouble. Reached Reno 9 P.M.

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Saturday 11.
Off 6 AM. Tire trouble at Greenriver. Reached Crescent 11:30. Got trip spear and started back 12 Noon. Lunch at Greenriver. Storms so ruined roads bet. Greenriver & Price took about 6 hours to make Price - 65 miles. Stopped at Price.

Sunday 12:
Left Price 7 AM. arriving camp abt. 11 AM. During day some 6 or 7 Auto loads of stockholders visited camp.
Found boys had run in well Friday and found open hole to casing. Run casing, and was stopped by bridge or stone. Pulled casing and worked on cleaning well until I arrived Sunday. Got hole cleaned for fishing about 2 PM. Run casing. Got hold with spear by evening. Gahagan quite sick with La Grippe or something.

Monday 13:
Got trip spear in shape by noon. Ran it down or took abt. 7 times bef. got hold. Used jacks under casing clamps and raised up with tools until 11 AM

Tuesday 14:
Working on casing until abt. 11 oclock. Lower spear lost hold, one lug breaking. Pulled casing.
Took spear to Price for new lug & went home.

Wednesday 15.
Board decided to levy Asst. #14 1¢.

Thursday 16:
Busy on mail and letter to stockholders.

Friday 17
Left with daughter Anna for St. George, where she teaches Art and English in High School. Left 5 PM. Reaching Nephi 8, where we stopped.

Saturday 18:
Left Nephi 6:30 AM. reaching Cedar 2:30 PM. Tire trouble at Fillmore.
Took Anna to Cedar Breaks. Wonderful beyond description. 24 Miles from Cedar City. The Breaks must surely be a garden of the Gods.

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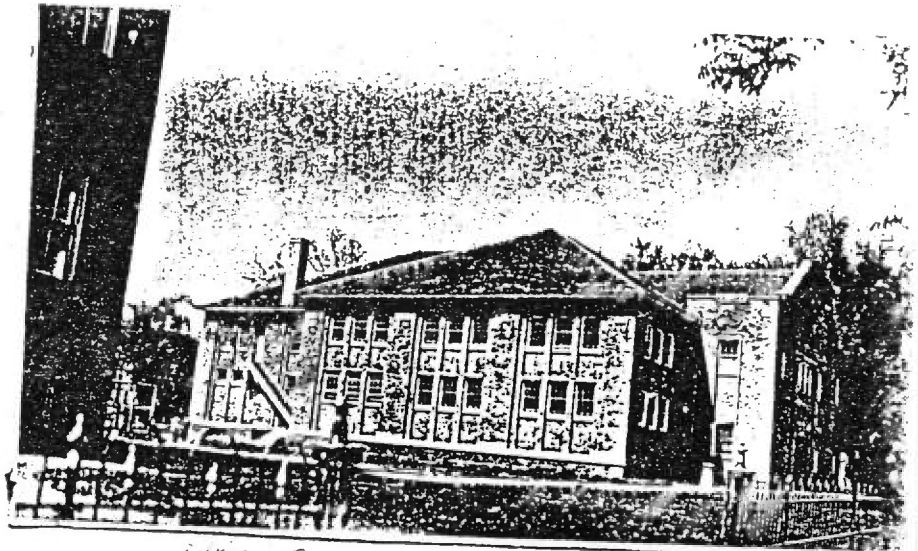
Sunday 19:
Left Cedar City 7 A.M. going direct to Zion Canyon with Anna. Spent about 3 hours in canyon lunching under "Weeping Rock", and going to the end of trail. It was a most wonderful trip, thoroughly enjoyed. Tho I had been in the canyon several times before I saw new and marvelous sights. Anna was thoroughly entranced with me.

Leaving Canyon we visited our Refinery at Virgin and made St. George by 3:45. Anna was installed at Sister Whiteheads in very comfortable quarters.

Attended M.I.A. conference in evening in Tabernacle. Apostle Widtsoe and Geo. M. Cannon were the visiting brethren.

Monday 20:
Met Geo. M. C. & wife and arranged to take some of their luggage home, permitting them to return via Bryce's Canyon with more comfort.

Anna spent day Registering [illegible]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delighted with her work and with the very complete equipment she finds in her Art Dept. Had her to dinner with me at Arrowhead Hotel.

Had consultation with Judge Morris on case of Steinberg vs. Gustavson Art Co.

Tuesday 21:

Went to Virgin. Checked up our Truck acc. with Henry Cornelius and went over refining conditions. Very Warm - Millions of flies

Wednesday 22:

Spent day with Hertzamp, going over matters. Alsop wants our oil. Will pay from 1^{00} to 1^{25} per barrel. His people are building a Refinery at Cedar. They have no oil to run in it.

Thursday 23:

Went to Hurricane to take up matters with Hurricane Garage and the Assessor. Left for home 1 P.M.

[illegible]

September 1926.

Friday 24:
On way home visited Diamond Fork. Boys were in Salt Lake. Learnt Ab. was sick during week. All going out tomorrow.

Saturday 25:
Busy with mail at office. Received much appreciated letter from my son Neil who is with the Navy in the Phillipeans for the summer. He has been offended with me in the past, and now expresses regrets and hopes for our future. He is a wonderful chap and if he will allow himself to broaden out, will make a splendid mark in future.

Sunday 26:
Spent day visiting loved ones & attended S.S. at Yale Ward.

Monday 27:
Wife Allie left on 7:25 P.M. train for Los Angeles. Took Lucile & Samuel. For health and as a stock deal. [illegible]

September 1926.

Tuesday 28:
Busy at office with Stonehill, Heitcamp and others. Arranged with Heitcamp to help Stonehill on his deep test at Virgin. We to pay him 100.00 per mo. for watching our property and pumping wells & to get additional salary from Stonehill, Mgr. Virgin Petroleum Corpn.

Wednesday 29:
Left for Diamond Fork. Bleen was at Provo having swedge made. Arrived at camp about 3 P.M. Truck stalled at bottom of hill. Sent team down to pull up.
Got swedge in hole and made clear passageway down past the broken part.

Thursday 30:
Last night a fearful storm. Abt. 178 miles per H. wind. Blew part of derrick house down. Hail stones fell as large as a medium sized English Walnut. Storm continued all night.
[illegible]

Left my car at Camp for boys to use. Truck out of commission. Boys must have some way of getting around. Can't afford to buy new car for Company. Had Billing bring me to Sp. Fork & reached home in evening.

Friday 1st
Busy at office. Daughter Ruth in Hospital having X Ray treatments.

Saturday 2nd
Cleaning up mail at office

Sunday 3rd
Attended 1st Session L.D.S. Conference In Tabernacle 9:15 A.M. and just barely got seat. Pres. Grant spoke well, after which he read without comment his "Manifesto" on Polygamy. "Can't be done". Those living it should repent & or rather those knowing of cases of recent marriage

I have now heard such statements from Pres. Snow, Woodruff, Smith and Grant, and the good work

[illegible] This [illegible] established!

was established as an eternal institution thru Joseph Smith and no man or set of men can stop it. It will go on forever, for it is eternal. Rained hard all day

~~Monday~~ Wife Ellis arrived from Los Angeles, Cal with Sam. & Lucil all Well.

Monday 4th
Very busy all day at office

Tuesday 12th
Assessments coming in very slowly. The financial situation is alarming. On 6th bailer got stuck in well. Boys came in for Latch-Jack. Got it at Bingham and out again on 8th. Worked until 11th before getting bailer out. Broke drilling line and sand line - the latter in several places.

Thursday 14th
Had Russo & Zitto in trying to iron out their affairs. Raised them 750.00 Promised 500.00 by Nov. 1st & Bal. $300.00 by Jan 1st. This

in consideration of their extending payment on bonds. They had to raise the money for Pat Holohan.

Friday 15

Spent most of day working out with Utilities Commission the tax app. on truck at Virgin also Boiler Inspection with Industrial Commission.

Saturday 16:

Behling came in from Price and returned Sunday.

Sunday 17:

Dr. White & Shewell went down to well. Fishing job on. Tools stuck in bottom. Necessary to get pair of jars and rope spear.

Monday 18

Boys all in. Sent Behling to Bingham for jars and rope spear. Ordered 2000 ft. 3" standard pipe from Salt Lake Hdw. Co. paying 750.00 Bal. Nov 15 + Dec 1st

Tuesday 19:

Took up Bank note, that has been running for several years on renewals.

Attended Republican rally at Salt Lake Theatre and heard a harangue of the other fellows.

Wednesday 20:

Cleaning up desk after heavy week receiving assessments. The delinquent date was the 18th.

Thursday 21st

Anna came in yesterday from St. George to attend the Teachers' Convention. She is delighted with her school work.

Routine work at office.

Friday 22nd

Behling phoned in that tools were still in well. Arranged to go out with him, taking Steinbrook, next Monday.

Steinbrook made me a present of suit of clothes. He was so insistent, I could

October 1926.

Saturday 23:

Cleaned up most of our small accounts. Purchased blankets and other supplies for Camp. – a bed for Stambrook.

Had talk with Holohan about extension of payments from Russo and Pitts. Helped Stambrook buy clothes for himself.

Monday 25:

Behling came in yesterday with car. Left for Camp with Stambrook & I & supplies abt. 3 P.M. reaching there about 5:30. Boys quite miserable with colds etc. Doped them up.

Tuesday 26:

After working with center spear without results, Joe & Ab. left about 3 P.M. for Crescent for 3 Prong Spear.

Wednesday 27:

Fixed roof of bunk house and other odd jobs. Boys returned at night with tool. Hales brot. up 3rd load of casing..

[illegible]

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Thursday 28:

After blacksmithing same run 3 prong spear. Worked with that and Center spear until 11 P.M. Cant break Wire with hold we have.

Friday 29:

Broke hold. Brot. up wad of wire Fishing all day. Hales brot. up last load of casing.

Snowed quite heavy for few hours. Night very cold.

Saturday 30:

Beautiful day. Got out long wad of rope with 3 prong spear. But making very slow headway.

Line in poor shape. Cut off abt. 400 ft. and spliced about 370 ft. of old line back on. Ab. & Shelley made splice in half hour.

Waterbury and Monson from Elberta Came to well. Took them over outfit. Were much impressed.

Sunday 31:

Worked until 9 P.M. trying to get line. [illegible]

November 1926:

Monday 1

Left Camp for 17:55 train to Salt Lake. Fixed up Russ & Zitts with 500.00 to pay Holohan on Virgin Lease.

Tuesday 2:

Voted Republican Ticket headed by Sen. Reed Smoot – Scratched some County nominees ape. of Secret Organization which enabled them to get nominations – Organization called the "Sevens". Republican Ticket leading thruout the State.

Wednesday 3:

Checking up stock accounts & getting ready to either quit Company or getting a workable agreement with it. I am almost all in. Cant stand the gaff much longer. We must have capital to go on or I cannot hold up much longer.

Sunday 7:

Mother reached her 80th Mile Stone in good health and beautiful. She has retained youth and grace, wonderfully. Her Children – grand Children and G. G. C., so far as possible visited her, among them three of the latter. From present indications she could live to be an 100. Had all my available children there including wives Rose, Mary and Ellis.

November 1926

Monday 8:

Billing came in Saturday. Leave for camp today. Says boys somewhat discouraged. I went out with him.

Tuesday 9:

Having difficulty in getting straight spear in waded line. Got it going about 9 P.M.

Wednesday 10

Working with V knife and got some core. Cutters wont hold up.

Thursday 11

Rained part of day. Got out about 15 ft. line yesterday and today. Worked until 11 P.M. Making new knife.

Friday 12. New knife held up some

Wire and broke.
Took Ab. to Provo with Behling to get proper knife made. I came to Salt Lake on train.

Saturday 13:
Stock sale at office. Getting out mail. Some snow, hail & rain.

Sunday 14:
At Farm. Birthday of Guy and Mary. Attended S.S. in Gale Ward in A.M.
Snow and rain.

Monday 15:
Attended 40th Anniversary of the founding of the L.D.S.U. I being a 1st day Student. We effected an organization with Nephi L. Morris and Wm Searle Secy. Took daughter Ellis & son Milton to Ball in the evening at American Dansante.

Tuesday 16:
Spent day writing letters on collections & sale of stock.
Some rain hail and snow.

Wednesday 17.
Behling and Camp crew came to town last night - Got fishing tools stuck & want more tools. It beats hell the luck we are having.
Sent Behling to Bingham for tools and proceeded to get money for the other boys.

Thursday 18.
Got boys off for Camp abt. 10 A.M. with necessary tools.

Friday 19.
Ordered 2500 ft. drilling line from S.L. Hardware Co. - 3/4" Abt. 400= Pd. 100= down - Bal. Dec. 15 + 30 - Also ordered set fishing Jars from Oil Well Supply - 24" Stroke
Attended Oil Carnival at Gale in evening - "Money diggers".

Saturday 20:
Wrote for Geologist P. J. Wright, Billings, Montana to come & help finance us.
Also writing on report of Stock sales since last November.

My campaign resulted in selling 318126 Shares of stock at average price of 10¢ approximately. Raised \$30,232.20 This when the Brokers were advertising it at from 3½ to 5¢ per share. I personally lost money on the campaign, but the Company was saved.

Wednesday 24:
Took P. J. Wright to Diamond. Weather cloudy. Terrific storm in evening as we approached City.
Wright much impressed with our operations. Wants to spot a well across the gulch west of our outcrop. Arrived home at night.
Had men come in off pay – to await acception of drilling Cable about end of month.

Thursday 25:
Thanksgivings. Had Mother Shipp - Richard & Nellie & her family to dinner. Also took dinner with Dale people, Annas having arrived from St. George this morning

Took Ruth to Hospital (L. D. S.) for a 3rd operation. The Doctors have now convinced the family they know her ailments.

Saturday 27th
Ruth operated on by Dr. D. A. Andrew. Found intestines growing to her stomach. She rallied from operation well.

Sunday 28:
Ruth very sick. Spend day home sitting up.

Monday 29:
Got off option to Mr. Wright to handle some of our land. Decided to let him have some 4100 Acres at 10^{00} per A. cash & 10% Royalty.

Tuesday 30:
Getting boys fixed up to leave for Well tomorrow.
Ruth very weak - Had 7 spoons full of Water - the first since the operation

Wednesday Dec. 1st
Got boys off for Diamond [illegible]

Have new drilling line and fishing jars for them. They seemed work better now. We are confidently looking for results soon, after drilling is resumed.

Saturday 4:

Got loan of combination Slip socket from Crescent Eagle. Boys think they can get tools out soon now.

Ruth beginning to show some sign of improvement.

Wrote Neil, Joseph & Anna.

Also writing on Hill family history.

Monday 6:

Getting out new letter to stockholders pleading for cash to continue on.

Little Samuel quite sick - Flu or something.

Tuesday 7:

Had nice long talk with Pres. Clawson - Pres. Rudger. He commended me in my work and reminded me that all great blessings come after long and hard struggle. He said when we do get a well it will no doubt be a good one.

Ruth took a little soup and orange juice yesterday - her first nourishment since her operation. It distressed her somewhat, but today she feels better and is taking a little broth and orange juice every two hours.

Wednesday 8:

Samuel Broke out with Measels. Has a typical case. Blotched all over. Is very restless. Temp. 104.

Thursday 9:

Took some orange sherbet up to Ruth on sly - away from nurses. She relished it.

Had Board meeting yesterday, extending my option on stock 6 Mos. and endorsing my several recommendations.

Belling reported tools out of Well today. Has taken about 6 Weeks. Will now begin drilling. We are going to get a Well.

Friday 10:

Bank returned a Check for 100

caused by mistake of Book-keeper. Took matter up with bank and made loan of 500.00 to tide us over for few days.
Samuel much better.

Sunday 12:
Heavy snow. Took Milton around his paper route 5 A.M. Attended S.S. at Yale. Snowing and drifting all day.

Monday 13:
Snowing and drifting. Took Milton over his route bef going to office.
Boys at well making good progress.

Tuesday 14
Milton went out on paper route alone. Came home chilled to bone. Shows good grit. He will make good. Must help him. Real winter now. Samuel much better. Ruth improving very slowly.
Lucile fell & hurt her hip. She is laid up. Hope it isn't broken. [illegible]

Wednesday 15:
Sam's birthday. The little fellow had good time notwithstanding the measels.
Took wife Mary to see "Winning of Barbara Worth."
Thursday 16:
Got message from Behling. Want 600 ft. 1" pipe and fittings to fix jet arrangements to get water from spring below rig. His water supply is froze up. Got the pipe out on Ocean Ry.

Friday 17:
Left for Sp. Tap on Ocean Ry. Met Behling with car. Spring broke. Got fixed and at Camp about 4 P.M. Hales arrived few minutes later with 1" pipe. We got busy and strung 600 ft. and had water running in tank bef supper. The boys did well.
Snow not very deep. Abt. 8 ton of coal left.

Saturday 18:
[illegible]

Drilled about a foot by noon. No headway. Bailed iron - Seemed to be drilling on iron. In afternoon about 3 P.M. bit started to go and went about 4 ft. When brot. out seemed to indicate fast iron. Mud in hole ideal for casing off water. Gas showing coming up with bailer thru 1400 ft. Water and mud, strong. All looks encouraging.

Sunday 19:

Boys laid off. Rest did them good. They showed their appreciation of it in language and action.

Monday 20:

After cleaning out hole some, abt. 10 A.M. started stringing in 3" casing to make formation water shut off- Tightened all couplings and got over 1700 ft. in during day. I am as stiff as a board. Am really tired, but happy.

Tuesday 21:

Finished casing job. Struck

bottom at 1987 ft. Left for Sp. Fork in snow storm about 3 P.M. Shelley drove me down. A terrific blizzard prevailed. Boys were stringing up 3" tools to commence drilling.

Arrived home 8:30 P.M.

Stainbrook, before I left, made statement: "Mr. Musser, there is a greater power than men and machinery on this well." I feel the Lord is with us. Certainly He has helped us to date. No company has stood the financial buffetings we have had and survived, unless the Lord was with it. Unless the Lord is with us, I don't want to succeed. God must give us success or it will mean failure.

Friday 24:

Boys came down last night to spend Christmas. Think shut-off has been effected.

Yesterday, my grandson, Charles Adams, 6 years old Apr 1st next arrived in Salt Lake from San Diego, Calif. by train, having traveled the distance alone. He came to visit with his Grandma Musser, while his mother, who marries Dr. W. R. Tyndale of the Inter-Mountain Clinic. They honeymoon until 1st of year & will return to Salt Lake.

Tonight abt. 6 P.M. while making on my Santa Claus rounds, my car skidded on the icy road and collided head-on with telegraph pole on Main & 9 S. Temporarily stunned me. Had car hauled into Farrington shops & wife Ellis came & took me home.

Later with Milton's assistance took things to Dale and Farm. Later met Anna at Ry Station at 2:15 A.M. She came from St. George.

Saturday 25:

Christmas: All hands on deck at 4 A.M. I stayed in my cabin until 8 A.M. Took Ruth out of hospital at noon. This was my chief Christmas present

Poor, patient kid. The ride down was very exhausting, but believe she will be better off at home.

Letters and packages from Neil & Joseph, with splendid remembrances from the home kiddies made a wonderful day for us all.

Snow beautiful. Weather crisp cold.

Had Grandma Shipp & Richard Shipp to dinner at 5 P.M.

Sunday 26:

Attended Yale Ward S.S. Splendid Christmas program.

Took dinner with Farm kids and took wife Mary and Aunt Minnie Hill to Bamberger Station enroute to Mendon for few days.

Monday 27:

Got car out of shop. 79^{50} charge.

Men left for camp about 3 P.M.

Gahagan returned later to get some dental work done. Broke a tooth.

Got out letter to stockholders yesterday.

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Saturday 1st.

Spent week working on finances. Rebling phoned in last night for packer to use in shutting water off. Advised him would order one, but not to use it except as last resort. Sent out 100# putty to try first.

1926 is gone. I am glad. Did the best I could with all my weaknesses. Dont want to see it again. Will try and do better in 1927. Wife Ellis quite sick and Ruth very depressed, but the Lord has not forsaken us. This is the oil year. Diamond Oil is to make good this year. I am tired and weary of the struggle, but will "carry on" a while longer and play the fight to the end, with the assurance that win or lose, I will have done my best under all the circumstances and always with the knowledge that every good thing comes from God. I am nothing without Him. If I win it will be because He so wills it. If I lose I am still His son.

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Sunday 2:

Took daughter Anna to Inter-urban Ry. Station at 5:30 enroute to Payson and St. George. It has been a real treat to have her with us.

Also helped Milton on News-Paper route - getting thru by 7: AM. Also to Gotagom and 100# putty to D&R.G. at 8 AM. for Diamond Fork.

Took dinner with Dr. & Mrs. Tyndale, my son-in-law & daughter who just arrived from Los Angeles. They start housekeeping in Belvedere - Apts.

Wife Ellis quite sick with throat troubles.

Dr. Skiff & Richard took dinner with us yesterday.

Have had steady cold weather for about 10 days - Good sledding for the youngsters - Modifying today.

Monday 3:

Kiddies started to school again after the Xmas. holidays.

Weather modifying.

Shewell & I went to Ogden to get Bond extension fixed up with principal bond holders there. Got them to agree on temporary extension. Sold 100.00 worth of stock to Mr. Shriever there.

Tuesday 4:

Beautiful spring day. Drinking fountains in town running.

Working on finances.

Wednesday 5:

Bebling phoned for 1000 ft. Sand line and car of coal. Ordered line from Lund Ro. Express from St. Louis, & coal from Utah Fuel Coal Co.

Friday 7:

Boys came in to get sand pump fixed. Got them out Sunday.

Saturday, while going down the hill to [illegible]

and hurt my hips.

Wife Ellis quite sick again with throat troubles

Sunday 9:

In house all day nursing my bruises. Mary had 7lb son born to her - Beautiful child.

Monday 10:

Got temporary last Friday for wife Ellis. Mrs. Lyons. Today she left us. Busy at office

Thursday 13:

Left for Thistle yesterday on D&R.G. Got off at Diamond crossing and after waiting some 3 hours, got ride to camp with Hales who was hauling coal up.

That evening, Gahagan, learning his wife was about to be operated on, I took him to Inter-urban Ry. at Springville.

This morning left for camp in car about 9 AM. Roads up hill fearful, but made camp.

Men still working on water shut-off and bailing for same.

[illegible]

Friday 14:
Drilling and bailing all day. Little progress. Sand pump working poorly. Very Cold at camp during night.

Saturday 15:
Behling left for Provo to get some needed work on sand pump, about 6:30 A.M. Hales & I getting breakfast for camp. Got dinner for boys which they survived.
Behling returned about 3 P.M. Couldnt make hill with car. Helped him carry supplies up. Got new sand pump working.

Sunday 16:
After bailing all A.M. I left with Hales & team, catching train for Salt Lake at switch. Wife Ellis not well.

Thursday 20:
Have been busy on finances.
Tuesday Stewell & I went to Ogden & got years extension on Gudmundsens lease. He wanted to raise the royalty

to 12%, but we prevailed upon him to let it go at 10% this year, and he promised to renew the lease next year if needed on a 12% royalty basis and 300= cash bonus.

Today (Thursday) is Grandma Shipp's 80th birthday. Having reception at wife Ellis' home for her. Paper announced about 300 people visited the home and partook of refreshments. Among those who called was Pres. Heber J. Grant & wife. The occasion was highly successful and a delightful occasion.
Alec was down from Idaho & Aunt Clara from Provo.

Friday 21:
Drove the folks down to farm to visit and luncheon with wife Mary & Sister Hill.

Saturday 22
Developing some illness. A boil in my nose. Feel miserable.
Yesterday the boys came in from the well. In pulling casing the

last length was left in well. Had to sent for Bulldog spear.

Sunday 23:
Spear came. I stayed at home mussing up.

Monday 24:
Boys - Stainbrook, Shelley & Behling got off for well. Am quite sick with flu and boils. Getting some dental work done.
Wife Ellis went to Provo with Olea & Nellie to attend public lectures & rest up.

Wednesday 26:
Spent Monday & Tuesday at home. Feeling better today. Wife Ellis returned.

Thursday 27.
Gahagan left for well this A.M. Busy on mail at office. Also with Dentist
Attended water meeting on Hill Ditch Co. at Mill Creek with wife Mary. They are trying to organize-

I proffered to prepare Incorporation papers free. At the meeting, however, some jealousies arose and we argued until 11 P.M. before they finally decided my services were needed. Of all the sorrows and trials, none are so bad as those resulting from ignorance. Little pea-wee men - large in stature are the kind that follow in mobs and crucify the righteous. We had some at the meeting.

Friday 28:
Filed papers of Hill ~~Creek~~ Ditch Irrigation Co. thus finishing the Incorporation.
Am squirming for money for the Company.

Monday 31st
Had bridge placed in upper jaw - 2 teeth, and two lower teeth pulled in preparation of bridge to take the place

Tuesday 1st

Word from Behling to effect cant get hold of lost joint of casing and are drilling by it. Just another annoying experience.

Wednesday 2nd

Decided on Assessment No. 15 at 1¢ on Diamond Oil. Now for a howl from stockholders. However, have had only ~~one~~ two assessments in past 21 months. The "Circus must go on."

Thursday 3:

Getting out letter and notice of Assessment for stockholders.
Weather like Spring.

Friday 4:

Raining & snowing all day.
Working on books at office.

Thursday 10:

Behling called me up from Sp. Fk. 12:45 P.M. said I was needed at well. Caught 2:15 Orem train and reached camp about 4 P.M. Got car to foot of hill below camp.

Boys divided in what to do. One wants to shoot and the other to fill up about 15 ft. & try and get another shoulder.
Decided to try filling up first.

Friday 11:

Very cold. Started to dig for rock and hammer it to proper size. Had great difficulty getting it in well as it bridged. Put in one rock at time 1/2 Min. apart at first, then 1 Min. & 2 Min. but rock always bridged. Got about 5 ft. fill in.
Caved abt. 3" during night.

Saturday 12:

Snowing all day. Got in about 4 ft. more of rock. Having considerable caving trouble.

Sunday 13:

Spent day trying to correct bad place in 4 1/2" Casing. Snowing, blowing & cold. Have been digging out rock, pounding them up, firing boiler and helping at well, during absence of Shelley in Salt Lake.
Steinbrook wants to go in

Got casing fixed and some stone in by night. Appears to be a big case as hole fills up very slowly.

Monday 14:

Got about 9 ft. fill in. Started to drill out very carefully in order to straighten hole. Dressed bit. After drilling 3 ft. ran bailer. It stuck and broke line. Brot. up about 20 ft. line on latch jack.

Tuesday 15:

Got bailer about 1 P.M. Drilled to depth of former hole and got no better results. Bit acts like it is being diverted along bent length of casing in crooked hole. Decided to try a small shot.

Left camp at 6:30 P.M. arriving home 10 P.M.

Have bad cold. Not much good.

Wednesday 16:

Got powder &c. to return to well tomorrow. Stainbrook decided to stay in town.

Thursday 17:

Went to well with Behling, Gahagan & Shelley. Have lumbago & bad cold. Got to camp about 4 P.M. after hard tussel thru snow. Car swamped on red hill near reservoir. Could get it no further.

Friday 18:

Shot well at 1979 ft. with about 10# 60% Gel. dynamite. Used tin cartridge & electric cap. Set off by generator current. Wire pretty well broken up. Got part out.

Saturday 19:

Started to snow yesterday & had exceptional heavy fall during day, accompanied by a terrific blizzard during night.

Got balance of wire out and in running tools found bad place in 4 1/2" casing, on which we worked bal. of day. Decided to have welding job on same before going further

Sunday 20:

Bebling preparing to go to Dk. Fork to get Moore the welding man. We tried to get car out of mud & failed. He decided to walk to switch and take D&R.G. train to town. Bef reaching main canyon he decided to come back and try getting car out again as the road in canyon was passable. We made another vain attempt to help him, finally giving up. He went down to ~~town~~ Palmers, got a team & succeeded in getting car off the hill, making town O.K.

Am all knocked out with cold & lumbago. Boys very loyal.

Monday 21:

Bebling & Moore returned, using team & sleigh from bottom of hill. Welded casing to casing clamps & returned to town about 3 P.M.

We started getting tools thru casing. Worked all P.M.

Tuesday 22:

Working on casing. Got tools

thru, but bailer would not go thru. The bad place in casing will give to heavy string of tools but not to the light bailer. Got bailer thru however two or three times and discover heavy flow of gas in bailings. Looks surprisingly good. Gas ignited while Moore was welding.

Wednesday 23:

After taking some samples with smaller bailer & washing oil out, we decided to try placing Wall packer about 40 ft. from bottom. Shut off present water & test out gas. Looks like we may have good well now when water is shut off.

Came in at noon - entire crew.

Got order off for packer and control head.

Thursday 24:

Busy at office

February 1927

Friday 25:
Wired 75.00 to Oil Well Supply for immediate shipment of Wall Packer.

Saturday 26:
Got out statements of Zitto and Russo on bonds.

Sunday 27:
S. School at Yale. Had Grandma Ship, her son Richard & Sam Stewart at lunch.

Monday 28:
Packer failed to get here. Mix-up at other end. Delays are awful.

March 1927

Friday 4:
Left for Camp about 9 A.M. with Behling, Stainbrook, Gahagan, Shelly, and side wall Packer & control head.

Jno. Clark predicted we would succeed in getting good well.

Got as far as Whiting Ranch with Car. Got team to take us to Camp, reaching there about 3 P.M.

March 1927.

Saturday 5:
Took down 4" tools and began stringing casing with wall packer at 10 o'clock. Tightened up all couplings bef stringing in. Got in 1923 ft. in 8 hours. Shelly under weather with bad cold.

Sunday 6th
Set casing on packer at 1950 ft. Bailed down about 350 ft. Some water coming in. Let Packer stand during night.

Lots of gas & some oil showing in bailings. Weather good. Water coming down the ravines.

Monday 7:
Abt. 80 ft. water filled in during night. Moved packer few inches lower. No perfect results. Moved again few inches deeper. Bailed until dark. Let packer stand over night.

Weather fine. Snow going fast.

Shelley getting worse. Gave him Mustard foot bath & thorough rubbing fore and aft with Omega Liniment.

Stainbrook sick Saturday & Sunday but on job today.

This job is nerve trying and unless the Lord comes to our relief, we cant stand it much longer.

Tuesday 8:

Sunshine, wind, snow and rain. Shelby very sick. Behling giving him attention while I fire boiler &c. Impossible to get car nearer than mile from Cabin & weather prevents getting him to car. Pleuro-pneumonia is thought to be the trouble.

Drilled about 5 ft. Bailed. Got lots of gas & some oil. Finally picked casing up and landed packer in & near bottom of 4 1/2" casing.

My birthday. The last year was a succession of labor and worries, struggling with this well. O, if the Lord will only let me succeed how grateful I will be - But His will be done and not mine. For the sake of the many poor stockholders I want to succeed. The honor shall be the Lord's from whom all good gifts come.

Mar. 9th Had regular blizzard last night. Felt

like Cabin would topple over. Abt. 4" snow fell.

Bailed well until noon. Water broke in again. Pulled casing - 1800 ft. in 4 1/4 hours. Found rubber on packer, also slips completely gone. Decided to send Galagan & Behling to Provo tomorrow & have new slips made.

Shelby slightly improved, but sick.

Thursday 10:

Behling got team at Whitings & got Rodney to car with Galagan. Rodney went to S.L. in hospital & B. & G. got slips made & returned carrying packer & camp supplies a mile up to camp.

Got beautiful letters from wife Ellis, Ellis Jr. & Samuel. What a wonderful family. No man was ever so blessed with good women and children. I hope I might live worthy of them.

Friday 11:

Put in about 1800 ft. casing in 4 hours - by noon. Anchored wall packer in 4 1/2" casing. Water bailed down from Abt. 350 ft. to about 700 ft. these came in as fast as we could bale. Tomorrow we will try something else. Showings of oil increased as we bailed.

Saturday 12,

Drilled few inches in morning. Very slow going. Begin bailing with suction pump. 1st run brot. up iron. 2nd run it stuck and broke line. Had to pull 3" in order to get pump out. Did pulling in 4 hours by 6 P.M. All in.

Sunday 13.

Got bailer out by noon. Drilling again with 4" tools.

Farnsworth & Farrington, stockholders, came up, walking from Whitings.

Were delighted with showing of oil & gas.

Monday 14:

Drilled about 20 inches. Going very slow. Large streams running off at every angle. Rain, snow and sunshine order of day with warm wind.

Tuesday 15:

Snowing in morning. Could make no headway in drilling. Tool seems going crooked at same place as before at about 1975 ft. Decided on shooting again. Behling left at 11:30 A.M. for Salt Lake for wire, tin container &c.

We straightened out old wire abt. 1500 ft. of same & got ready.

H.B. Hales & J. Will Lewis came up with team from Sp. Fork, bringing up letters, telegrams from Clauson &c.

Some snow falling.

Wednesday 16:

Behling got back about 10 A.M. Got shot prepared and in well about 2 P.M. Failed to go off. A short some place in line.

Pulled up shot & wire. Tested out wire, putting in new splices. Dried wire with generator until 9 P.M.

Thursday 17.

Put shot in well again. Another failure. Decided the wire was letting water through insulation. Sent Bebling to Sp. Fork for 4000 ft. rubber covered wire # 14. Got back Friday 18th, & we made another attempt at shooting. By this time the tin container were damaged letting water in on the dynamite. The cap exploded O.K. but it did not set powder off.

Came right in for new powder and container & caps. Bebling beat me in to Salt Lake. Snow blizzard in canyon until reaching Provo.

Got powder etc. in afternoon.

Saturday 19:

Bebling left early for camp. I remained to attend important matters here. Work is piling up. Building Management has asked us to move in order to allow the Attys. for Sugar Co. & Beneficial Life to have this room in connection with the two they now occupy. Decided with Wasatch Live Stock Assn. to take corner room & they move south one room.

Found Annie not well & Ruth not so well.

Daughter Anna came up from St. George to have her eyes looked after and incidentally to see the Dixie boys play basket ball.

Spent evening with Ile and the other girls.

Sunday 20:

Spent day quietly at home.

Oscar Clawson came down from Ogden to get proposition on sale of our Virgin property to his men. I made tentative price of $100.000.00 which he is considering.

Monday 21:

Moving us out of 301 into the room east of 302. Busy on Mail matters. Spent evening at Farm.

Tuesday 22:

Moving and straightening up desk.

Wednesday 23:

Straightening up papers. Made settlement with Goddard of Western Mineral Survey. Whole bill amounted to 734^{64}. Settled for 154^{00} Cash, which I consider fair all round.

Thursday 24:
Bartrick the Geologist is looking over Fish Creek Structure and our Permit there. He is delighted with its location. Arranged with him to stake Jackman & Jones Permit, in which we both are interested for 200^{00} Each to stand their proportionate share of cost amounting to 100^{00} for Jackman, Jones & myself.
Had about 3 hours talk with J. Golden Kimball about church matters generally. Among other things he told me he heard Pres. Smith say (Referring to Henry Tanner's case of Plural Marriage) "That if any one by any hook or crook could get another wife, he would not oppose it." Bro. K. bore strong testimony to the importance of the Principle and how his Father was commanded to enter it by the Prophet Joseph Smith, and the Lord revealed it to Vilate Kimball.

Friday 25:
Boys came in from Well. Gahagan to attend some personal matters. Report much stronger gas showing since the shot.

Saturday 26:
Got stuff for Belling to take to Well. Also personal a/c. with Company checked up. Company owing me about $1100^{00}.
Spent P.M. working at home.

Sunday 27:
S.S. at Yale. Entire family there. Attendance 601. Remained at home in P.M.

Monday 28:
Assisting Auditor prepare annual statement and audit books.

Tuesday 29:
Working on company accounts.
Rained heavily during night

Wednesday 30:
Stormy in A.M. Pleasant P.M.

Working on books.
Attended stockholders meeting of Hill Ditch Co. in Mill Creek with wife May & helped get matters started.

Thursday ~~April~~ 31st:
Busy at office.
Took wife May to Pantages in P.M. Heavy rain in evening.

April. 1st 1927.

Friday:
Busy on report to Stockholders.
Birthday of grandson Charles Adams. He celebrated at the "Dale" home.

Saturday 2nd
A.M. at office. P.M. at home helping in "Clean-up" Campaign.

Sunday 3:
Took Wife Ellis, daughters Joe & Ellis & Sons Milton and Samuel to 1st meeting of conference in Tabernacle. Got there 9:30, and with great difficulty got standing seat in East gallery

In his opening address, Pres. Heber J. Grant stress the fact that the world has turned friendly towards our people. In Europe and America, wherever the leaders go, the hand of fellowship is given them and the great news papers are open for their use in publishing their message. People of the world have ceased to speak evil of the L.D.S. in large measure.

> "When the spirit of persecution, the spirit of hatred, of wrath and malice ceases in the world against this people, it will be the time that this people have apostatized and joined hands with the wicked and never until then."

Brigham Young.

"If ye are of the world the world will love you."

Heavy rain nearly all day.

Sunday 10:
Stormy most of week.
Held stockholders meeting of Diamond Oil Co. on 7th. About 75 present. I acted as chairman.

Old board re-elected with Edwin Thorne added to Board. Board and Manager voted confidence and thanks for past labors.

Drillers in from well. Gave good report.

Behling and drillers left for Well Saturday.

Attended S.S. at Yale this A.M. Spent P.M. with daughter Rose.

Monday 11:

At Special ~~Stockholders~~ Board meeting today my option on some No. of shares of stock was extended another six months with a modification in the price. This to enable me to sell in competition with the brokers. Snow and rain.

Thursday 14:

Left for Diamond Well with Chas. LaPointe in his car. Tools lodged in Well about 40 ft. off bottom. Jarring since yesterday. Not out.

Friday 15.

Jarring on tools. Not out. Still caught

10 A.M. for home.

Saturday 16:

Painters in office I remained at home working.

Sunday 17

Attended S.S. Yale, after which took Wife Ellis & kiddies to see Aunt Clara at Ams. Had delicious dinner and good time.

Played snow ball with Aunt C. on her front lawn. Bot Pansies for yard.

Monday 18:

Painters still have me shut out of office. Working on letters &c. at home.

Tuesday 19:

Weather keeps cold. No storm.

Had LaPointe helping prepare ads and items for survey for sale of stock.

Wednesday 20:

Busy at office.

April 1927.

Thursday 21:
Got letter out to stockholders appealing for funds.

Friday 22
Routine at office.
Yesterday ordered 1200 ft. drilling Cable from Lund & Co. Coming by Express from St. Louis.
This evening held a meeting at 1264 Yale residence with about 20 of our friends who believe "all that God has revealed" and that He will yet reveal more. Meeting lasted until about 1 A.M. and a glorious time was experienced.
Decided to meet at Bro. Heber C. Kimball's on May 22.

Saturday 23:
Behling came in from Well last night for some sand line. Tools stuck in hole and jars locked. Sand line not good enough to run on bumper. Got 800 ft. and he left for camp at noon.
Planted Candytuft in flower boxes at 1264 Yale. [illegible] at "Dale".

April 1927

Sunday 24:
Attended funeral (with mother) of Aunt Sarah Burton - wife of Robert T. Burton - 88 years.

Monday 25:
Went to Diamond with Sol Burnt in his car. Started stringing casing in Well 1 P.M. Completed job at 6 P.M. 1991 ft.

Tuesday 26:
Got new 1200 ft 3/4 drilling line up from Ry. at Thistle and spliced same onto old line after cutting about 1000 ft. off old line.
Returned home in evening.

Saturday 30:
Planted Abt. 60 Musketell grape roots 30 Black Malvoise, 5 white seedless and 5 Hamburg, at 1264 Yale on south slope - Abt. 10 vines at Forest Dale. Got roots from Mr. Wood at Woods X, Yesterday 16^{00}

Sunday 1st

Attended S.S. at Yale and meeting of mutual friends in Atlas Bldg. at 2 P.M. at which I advised patience, temperance in expression and action, so as not to unduly embarrass the leading authorities.

Monday 2nd

Boys came in from Well yesterday, after water breaking in again. Decided on cement job. Ordered 70 bags Atlas Summit Cement @ 3.00 Also purchased pressure pump from Utah Copper @ 50.00

Tuesday 3rd

Bebling & Gahagan went to Magna to inspect pump & load it. Went out by express. Priscilla's Birthday - 14.

Wednesday 4th

Got boys off for well.
Stambrook's birthday 66.

Thursday 5th

Ship family reunion. Held at 1760 Yale. [illegible] I acted as

toastmaster. About 35 present.

Friday 6:

Went to Well with LaBonte. Boys had cement run to shut off water, by 11:30 A.M. Figure on letting same settle until Wednesday morning.

Left LaBonte there to look after matters until Simpson can get up tomorrow as watchman, & brot drillers down for breathing spell.

Heavy wind storm.

Saturday 7:

Raining in morning. Snowing at Bingham.

Sunday 8:

Heavy snow fell during night playing havoc with leafed trees.
Storming all day.

Attended "Mother" day S.S. service at Yale Ward. Dr. Shipp was honored as the eldest mother present.

Milton quite sick with sore throat and fever. Attended Tribune Co. [illegible]

Monday 9:
Storming all day. Working at office.

Tuesday 10:
Got Belding, Stainbrook and Gahagan off for well.

Wednesday 11:
Working on financial matters.

Thursday 12:
Beautiful Weather.
Sam sick at home. Milton improved.
Got word from Gahagan who came in, Cement not set yet in well. He is leaving for Camp tomorrow A.M.

Saturday 14:
Yesterday, after consulting with Drs. Andrews & Pace, we concluded (it also being recommended by Dr. Tyndale) to take daughter Ruth to Dr. Pace's private hospital at Murray for a few days, where her case can be better studied and diagnosed. She appears to have nervous troubles and Dr. Pace is a nerve specialist. I arranged and took her down in evening. 30^{00} per week, plus medical attention. This may, and I hope will result in good, but I feel only the Lord can and will help her. May He inspire the M.Ds to do the proper thing. She is patient to a fault and wonderfully sweet under the great strain she is under.

Sunday 15:
Left for well 8:30 A.M. in Jack Farnsworth's car. (Sherrill went along) for Diamond Well. Boys started drilling yesterday. Cement apparently well set.
Today drilled about 4 ft. & bailed abt. 1500 ft. water out of hole.

Four different groups of stockholders visited well. Weather very warm and beautiful. I remained at well

Monday 16:

Behling went to Sp. Fork after supplies. Made about 15 ft. hole.

Will Lewis came up and got tools belonging to Sp. Fork Oil Co. and borrowed the following: 1 Sinker bar, Jars, rope socket and spudder joints 1 5/8 x 2 1/2.

Tuesday 17

Made 16 ft. hole.

I took jaunt up to "Diamond" on the mountain West & north of camp. leaving 1 P.M. reached there 4 P.M. "all in." Back to camp 6 P.M.

Wednesday 18:

Made About 20 ft. hole. Water practically all baled out of well.

Thursday 19:

Belt came unbolted. Fixed it. Top nipple of 3 inch casing broke off. Took off clamps & resumed drilling.

Left camp 2 P.M. for home on [illegible] Electric

Friday 20:

Busy at office.

Attended graduation Exercise of Grani High school at Granite Stake Tabernacle Among the graduates was my daughter Blanche. Attended dance after.

Quite heavy rain last night and this morning. Wonderful blessing.

May 1927

Sunday 22:

Attended special meeting with friends at home of Bro. Heber C. Kimball. Had most excellent time. Accompanied by wives Mary and Ellis.

Daughter Anna arrived in morning from St. George. I met her at station.

Monday 23:

Busy at office.

Tuesday 24:

Left for Diamond well with LaBounte. Arriving 11:30 found men in grave good mood. Water had broken in again, after nearly a year's effort to shut it off. They were discouraged.

Returned to City and got busy on wire. We will go at it again.

Wednesday 25:

Received valuable suggestions from my brother Barr on situation at well. Dr. White much discouraged.

Thursday 26:

Went to Well with Gahagan and Behling. Put in two sack cement about 2 P.M. In some way bottom wooden plug caught & we could not force it down. Had to drill out again. Drilled until 4 AM. and made but little impression. Cement apparently set hard.

During day injector went bad. Then grate bars fell down in boiler. With great difficulty we propped them up on brick so as to continue our run. Had to rig up generator for lights. I kept up steam for boys.

Friday 27:

Rigged up spudder, sharpened bit, fixed grate bars in boiler and were drilling in hole by 11:30 AM.

Behling went for more cement. I prepared dinner

Made about 20 ft.

Saturday 28:

Got plug drilled out and hole clean by 5 P.M. Snowing, raining and blowing.

Sunday 29:

Got 2 sack cement down by noon. All worked well. Looks like job. Will let set until about Wednesday.

Returned to Salt Lake with crew.

Pleasant day.

Monday 30:

Decoration day. Spent day working at home in garden.

Tuesday 31.

Directors met and ratified the stock option given me on April 11. A certain Stockholder had complaints about it.

Clearing desk at office to leave for Diamond.

June 1-1927.

Wednesday 1:
Working at office.

Thursday 2
Left at 5 A.M. for Diamond Well with Behling, Gahagan and Jackma the latter visiting for few days. Got up steam and working on top plug. Drilled about 5 ft.

Friday 3:
Drilling out cement. Found about 30 ft. in casing. Got down within four ft. of bottom.

Saturday 4.
Drilled to bottom. Not an entire water shut-off, but we figure enough to justify drilling down. Made about 2 ft. new hole in very hard sandy lime, grey.

Shewell & LaBrante came to camp and remained all night. D.H. Gustenson also came up on short visit. Rained some during night.

Sunday 5.
Drilled about 5 ft. Very hard.

Sherrill LaBonte and Jackman left for home about 2 P.M.
Jack Farnsworth came up with his wife in afternoon.
Got orphan lamb for Samuel. LaBonte took it down.

Monday 6:
Drilled 6 ft. Struck shale stratum for about 3 ft. Weather very sultry.

Tuesday 7:
Put new gasket on man hole of boiler in morning to stop steam leak. Drilled 4 1/2 ft.
Stainbrook came up to well from Salt Lake to resume operations.

Wednesday 8:
Stainbrook relieved me at well. I returned home in P.M. on Orem Ry, bringing two orphan lambs for the farm.
Had surprise awaiting my return. Wives Ellis & Mary with daughters Mary, Naomi & Blanch & Gertrude, met at 1104 Yale & had supper. Gave each of the Girls including Blanche and Ellis Jr. wrist watch in honor of their graduation from High School, Joe & Ellis having graduated last Friday from L.D.S.U. and Blanche the week b4 from Granite High. Ellis also graduated from Business College, a fete I consider remarkable.

Thursday 9:
Working at office.
Took kiddies to Park - school field day. Also visited Ruth at Hospital & took her for ride.

Friday 10:
Working at office getting out letter to stockholders.

Saturday 11:
At office in A.M. In P.M. went with D.H. Gustavson to look over prospective oil lands nr Jordan near old Ready farm.
Somewhat indisposed from stomach trouble.
Queen Geneva and kiddies arrived from Honolulu yesterday for visit

Joseph remained there.

Sunday 12:

Feeling very weak from effects of sickness. Must of got a touch of Ptomaine poisoning last Friday but have better of it.

Spent some time with Ruth at hospital. She appears on improve.

Uncle Ros Kafford stopped with us in evening. Pleasant time.

Monday 13:

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Busy at office In A.M. In P.M. took wife Ellis to Pantages where we saw pictures of Lindberg in reception with Pres. Coolidge at Washington, D.C. on Saturday 11th A most wonderful achievement.

Tuesday 14:

Left with LaBonte for Diamond Well reaching camp about 1 P.M. Walking from around the red dug-way. The road had become impassable for Charley's car on acc. of the heavy rains which lasted nearly all day.

Boys making poor progress at well. Drilling less than one foot. Something wrong with hole. New showing of oil in evidence.

Behling left for Salt Lake to attend some personal affairs.

Wednesday 15:

Heavy fog in morning. Later lifted and day was fine.

Went to Sp. Fork for supplies.

Boys could make no headway with hole. Till decided it was going crooked & decided to fill up a few feet to straighten hole.

Thursday 16:

Started filling in hole. Rocks appear to disappear in crevice. Making slow progress. Filled in about 4 ft. Tools got stuck at night – Jars refused to work. Could not get them out.

Friday 17:

Worked on tools until 10 P.M. when shut down & sent Gahagan & LaMonts to Price to have bumper made.

Behling arrived at camp in P.M.

Good rain at Camp.

Saturday 18

Behling took steel to Price for part of bumper & brot Ab & bumper back about 6 P.M.

Sunday 19:

With Bumper got tools out about noon. Boys started drilling out hole in P.M.

Came home with LaMont.

Monday 20:

Ordered Car C.G. Lump coal from Utah Fuel Co. - (3^{25} per ton.

Got out special letter to Stockholders appealing for funds last Tuesday & Wednesday.

Saturday 25th:

Boys came in (Steinbeck & Gahagan) from Well. No coal since Wednesday. Car ordered Monday not arrived. Had it traced at once.

Fearfully hot during week.

Thursday took daughters Anna, Bertha & Joe. to Brighton to select cabin for summer, where Ruth will try the mountain cure.

Joe taking nursing course with Dr. Ellis R. Shipp class. Milton working at Cent. Oil Co. station (Gas) 9 S. 13 E. Ellis working for Hyland Motor Co., Guy milking 8 cows & working on farm. Fine kids. Brot Guy two more "stover" lambs from camp. He now has four.

Sunday 26:

Attended S.S. at Yale. Also visited Dale + farm, taking Ruth out for ride and for cherries.

Monday 27:

Splendid rain during day.

Got out another appeal to Stockholders for funds. Also completed petitions for extension of Behling, Bennion and Dr. White permits.

Tuesday 28:

Purchased 1926 Dodge Roadster used car, splendid condition. 650^{00} 275^{00} cash. Bal. time. Just had to have car as cant get around without it.

Wednesday 29:

Got car out.

Mailed another letter to stockholders asking for help.

Adylott from Duluth came in + sent him down to well.

Thursday 30:

Adylott returned. Much pleased

Took Klein, wife + children for ride around City. He left for Rollins, Wyo.

Had nice rain Wednesday and Thursday.

Got petition for White and Bennion Permits, extension of time, in mail.

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Friday 1st.
Took daughter Bertha and Anna to Brighton to their summer cabin which they have rented. Spent day after arriving helping to fix cabin

Saturday 2:
Spent all day at camp "Bertha" fixing screens, doors &c. Raining part of day.

Sunday 3:
Left camp, arriving home at 9 A.M.
Attended Fast Meeting in Yale where daughter Joe read "Robert of Ciscille" for the education of the audience. She did splendidly. She won Ward and Stake prize reciting same.
Had Nellie & family up to dinner.
Rained in evening.

Monday 4:
Took Ruth and Charlie to Brighton, with supplies, bringing Anna back home. Raining hard all morning

July 1927.

Leaving Salt Lake 2:30 P.M. visited well at Diamond. Heavy rain made road difficult. Tana Billings, or Clerk, with all Billings family arrived shortly after. Hole 7065 ft. Some showing of oil.

Behling went in Saturday for holidays: Not out yet.

Tuesday 5:

Behling came out in evening bringing Director Edwin Thorne. Made about 5 ft.

Wednesday 6.

Made 3 ft. by noon. Returned home in P.M. with Director Thorne. Hales hauling coal.

Thursday 7:

Wife Ellis went to Heber City in her car, taking Samuel along. Business trip, to help with the financial burden, which is very heavy. I dont like to have her go, but she is determined in her desire to help.

Accompanied D.H. Gustaveson

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C.W. Buskirk, Petroleum Engineer and Jno. Sherrill, in Gustaveson's car, to Diamond to look over the structure. Gustaveson explained his knowledge of it, and his opinion of it, to us, it being our intention of having Buskirk make a more thoro examination of it shortly. We all returned to Salt Lake in the evening.

Day very warm.

Tuesday 12:

Busy at office during week.

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Wednesday 13:
Finished getting about 300 persona letters out to stockholders asking for money.

Ran up to Brighton with supplies for Ruth and Bertha. Ruth is improving. She is doing some hiking and has called for chicken and beef-steak, – a mighty good sign "I calls it." Took Sam & Joe along.

Thursday 14:
Left for Diamond Camp with Engineer Buskirk. He and Behling Spent P.M. on geology. Hole down about 1130 ft.

Friday 15:
Buskirk and Behling took trip on North ridges returning about 3 P.M. thoroughly exhausted. They had been without water since leaving camp, and carried heavy load, surveyor's instruments &c.
Made about 5 ft; drilling slower. Formation slightly changing.
Went to Sp. Fork for supplies

Saturday 16:

Buskirk & Belling went over outcrops in Soldier Fork and Thistle Fork. Took Nash car.

I cooked dinner for drillers yesterday and today. Got hungry and ate same myself. Still alive.

Intensely hot during days. Cool at night.

Left for home 8:30 P.M. taking Buskirk.

Monday 18:

Terrifically hot. Hottest day so far this year 100.1°. Working at office. Western States Securities Corpn. had our bank acc. tied up by garnishee on acc. of Truck suit. Had it released. It seems like all hell and the devils are working against me. But we will succeed.

Tuesday 19:

Got out another special letter to stockholders asking for funds. Instead of an assessment, asking them to buy stock in amount of assessment.

Wednesday 20:

Taking up by correspondence with California firms (two) matter of joining hands with Diamond Oil Co. in drilling at Diamond.

Trying to rain. Not successful.

Thursday 21:

Details at office.

Friday 22:

Got special letter asking for Voluntary assessment off to stock-holders.

Took daughters Ellis Joe and Blanche to Brighton to stay with Ruth & Bertha until Monday.

Wife Ellis left at 5 P.M. for Pine Crest with Lucile.

Returning from Canyon, took Milton & Samuel to farm for early start on fishing trip.

Saturday 23:

Left with Guy, Milton & Sam for Strawberry fishing. First time have been out with these boys.

Stopped at Camp Diamond for bedding. Fished up the river. No luck. Landed at Strawberry reservoir about 3 P.M. Stayed at Geo. Madsen Camp. Milton & Guy went out in boat & caught 4 nice trout. I caught one on shore. Sam fished industriously but fish were not biting. Rained during day and night

Sunday 24:

Boys fished early in morning without result. Left reservoir about 8 A.M. down Daniels Canyon to Heber & Midway. Swam in Hot Pots. Took Aspen Highway around Mt. Timpanogos to Cave Camp - 70 miles. Camped there all night.

Monday 25:

Guy & Milton went to Cave. Sam being sick at stomach couldn't go. Got him better, returning home 12 Noon.

Girls came home with Uncle Bass from Brighton & Mamma Ellie Came home from Pine Crest Saturday

morning. Had a glorious reunion.

Boys came in from Well on 23rd. Had decided no use drilling further. Burkirk & Belling had selected better site up the creek about 4 miles.

Tuesday 26:

Had row in office with the men on continuing drilling. They decided to go back tomorrow.

Wednesday 27

Steinbrook decided to quit. Let him go. Lined balance up to go out tomorrow.

Thursday 28:

Gahagan & Shelley went to well with Belling.

Sunday 31st

Took supplies to girls at Brighton. Brot. Gertrude back.

Tuesday August 2nd

Fixed Steinbrook up with 400.00 & he left for Kansas at 5:30 P.M. Quite a relief.

Took Jno. T. Clark to Provo on some business. On way visited the Pacy farm - 3 Acres - at Alpine, where he claims is hidden great treasure of Ancient Mexicans, and possibly many divine records the Lord is preserving to come forth shortly. Very interesting trip.

Wednesday 3:

Arranged with H. C. Kimball to get some leases up Diamond Fork needed to make our holdings more secure.

Burdick left yesterday for Diamond Fork to post notices of intended application for Permits; also to do more geological work.

Thursday 4:

Went to Diamond Fork with wife Ellis. Decided as boys were making no headway, to shut down until further instructed.

Friday 5:

Got special letter off to stockholders yesterday, appealing for funds.

Helped Milton get rid of his land

Car. Experience cost him about 50.00. Wouldn't take advice of his parents. But now knows better. We must all learn from experience.

Saturday 6:

At office with drillers.

In evening took Aurora and supplies out to Brighton - also took Samuel.

Sunday 7:

Returned with Sam in morning spending balance of day at home.

Monday 8:

Spent day advising with Diamond drillers, Tal Brunton in stock campaign and Kimball about leases and Terry about drilling on Dairy Fork lands.

Tuesday 9:

Writing on new drilling details; also proposed publication. Took wife Mary & daughter-in-L. Geneva, to see "Big Parade" at Prov.

Paul Jr. rented new apartments

Took daughter Ellis home from work at noon, sick.

Miss Kimball started working for us a substitute for Miss Billings, who left for two weeks vacation on 6th.

Wednesday 10:

Arne Jr. moved to new home 44 W. 1st N.

Jun. Lieut. Neil B. Musser, arrived home from Manila P. I., having resigned from the Navy. Has been there about 17 years. He is very active and wants to remain in Utah if suitable work can be had.

Thursday 11:

Had final understanding with diamond drill people. Getting matters ready to start new drilling process.

Friday 12:

Board authorized diamond drilling well at Diamond; a 1¢ assessment and the taking over of certain permits in Diamond Fork.

Attended "The way of all Flesh" at Empress with Neil, [illegible] [illegible] & Gertrude.

Saturday 13:

At office all day.

Neil accompanied Lorraine to Brighton to bring Anna home.

Sunday 14:

S. S. & meeting at Yale.

Monday 15:

Consulted with Neil and the girls at home on new home. Decided to take apartments for winter and try and sell old Forest Dale home. The home is so old and delapidated, it will cost more to put it in shape than it is worth.

Rebling took Diamond Drill foreman to Diamond.

Tuesday 16:

Neil painting furniture and packing up.

Got letter of assessment #16 out for stockholders.

Met with Diamond Drilling contractor.

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17: Milton started to work evenings at County Assessor's office.
Busy at office on mail.
Spent evening with Neil, Geneva and Dale Kiddies at home of Burton & Grandma. Very pleasant time. Dr. Tyndall present.

Thursday 18:
Boys, Gahagan, Belling and Shelley got off to Well to drill out plug and dis-mantle machine.
Sam had tooth pulled. He is a real hero.

Friday 19:
Moved Dale family to Apt. 16 - Kensington, North Main. Neil and I had big day.
At office in P.M. getting out mail.
Yesterday notice of assessment mailed to stockholders.

Saturday 20:
Left office at noon and took Wife Mary and Aunt Minnie Hill to Mendon to visit with relatives

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Sunday 21:
Spent day visiting among relatives Attended S.S. & meeting at night at Mendon. Reception whole souled.

Monday 22:
Left Mary at Mendon for few days. Returned to S.L. with Minnie arriving at 10:20 A.M.
Boys came down from [illegible] last Saturday, having finished their work.

Tuesday 23.
Neil came from canyon. Took he, Wife Rose and Annie to "Don Juan" show.

Wednesday 24:
Working at office.

Thursday 25:
Busy at office

Friday 26:
Neil left 17:45 for San Francisco
Got desk cleared to leave for Virginia tomorrow. Henderson [illegible] in City.

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Got out papers for filling on Permits in Diamond Fork & dictated agreements for Applicants to sign.

On Thursday persuaded Teddy Thorne to loan Blanche Sterrett 750^{00} to enable her to go to San Francisco & Los Angeles to book up in public entertainments. She is a girl of rare talent - Wonderful voice, and for years has been trying to get away where her talent would be appreciated. Think now the way will be opened. I endorsed the note.

Took out 5000^{00} Life Ins. New York Life. Was examined on Wednesday and advised by Dr. I would pass. In splendid physical condition

Saturday 27:

Left for Virgin in Company Auto, with daughter Anna and Mr. Galagaw. Made St. George by 8:30 PM. Raining heavy part of way.

Sunday 28:

Went to Virgin meeting Steinheiser

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who is suing us for some machinery we leased from Holdan & Denton.

Suggested compromise, which he will recommend. We to surrender Tank #17.

Spent day going over matters with Heitcamp.

Raining all day.

Monday 29:

Left for Antelope Anticline in Arizona. After getting over about 8 miles south east of Hurricane rain was so severe we were forced to turn back. Went to St. George. Spent evening with Anna and her friends, also sister Blanche.

Tuesday 30.

Left St. George for home 7:20 AM arriving home at 8 P.M. 370 miles around by San Pete County. Some heavy rain on way.

Wednesday 31:

Spent day at home washing car and fixing up odds and ends.

Thursday 1st.
Spent evening at 76 Kensington with Geneva, Aunt Alice and Elias Smith.

Friday 2nd.
Brot. Ruth & Bertha with luggage from Brighton.

Saturday 3rd.
In P.M. went out to Woodward field with children and saw Col. Lindberg come in and land preparatory to a ensuing reception.

Sunday 4:
Attended S.S. meeting in Yale Ward. Took children of Geneva and Alice Smith, with Lucile and Samuel, to Liberty Park for a lark

Monday 5:
Labor day. Spent day assisting members of family, and working at home.

Tuesday 6:
Busy at office on mail and preparing for Deacons Drill.
Saw Geneva & children off at 7 A.M. for Honolulu. She is a wonderful woman, an ideal Mother and splendid wife. She and Joseph will make good in their missions on earth. They are admirably mated, and they believe in the 1st Command, "Multiply & Replenish the earth," a doctrine little believed in now days. Even our own people are shamefully disregarding their duties in this respect. The easy life is more appealing to them.

Saturday 10:
Busy at office during week.
Completed transaction trading old Forest Dale property for 229 N. 7 W. on basis of 3500.00 for former and 3000.00 for latter.

Sunday 11:
Took daughter Anna to Helper where she will teach in high school

this season. Received very hearty welcome from people there. Anna was born there about 22 years ago. She is stopping with Aunt Jane Turner.

Monday 12:
Returned to Salt Lake via Diamond where took photos of new derrick.

Tuesday 13
Busy at office. Raining hard.

Wednesday 14
Heavy rains. Great floods at Price, Utah. People dying of heat in Chicago.

Thursday 15:
Suffering from severe cold. Boil in nose. Busy getting Diamond drill in action.

Friday 16:
Pretty well knocked out. Busy at office.

Saturday 17
At home in afternoon resting up.

Sunday 18:
Spent day resting and taking Ruth out for ride. Had Mid-Shipman Wm McKean visiting us from Annapolis.

Monday 19:
Visited prospective oil lands over Jordan with S.H. Gustaveson and arranged a limited partnership; with him to lease and handle some of the lands. Found a natural gas well on Nebeker farm being used in house. Apparentl Carbon gas.

Tuesday 20:
Got wife Ellis off for Del Monte Cal. to attend N.Y. Life Ins. Conventi

Wednesday. Spent part of day with daughter Josephine & Gertrude in entertaining Gov. Omar Musser, who with a special Vitaphone Instrument of his own invention is exhibiting at the American theatre.

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Thursday 22:
Joe's birthday. Spent evening at home with the kiddies.
Fight between Tunney & Dempsey. Former won.

Friday 23:
Busy at office all day. Ordered 1300 ft. B.rds. Arranged for Behling to bring all 4½" used casing down from Diamond for sale.

Sunday 25:
Took Wife Mary & Sister Hill to dine with Willard Sorensen at Little Cottonwood.

Friday Sept. 30
Took Prof W. G. Spangh to Diamond to test Machine on oil structure. Buskirk, Behling, Shewell and Galagan along. Got splendid report. Snowed & rain. Home at Midnight.
Yesterday tendered home at 229 N. 7 West to Jno S. Barlow & family as they are in distress. Sister Susie Barlow started to work for me.

October 1927.

Saturday 1:
Took Bertha & Gertrude to Heber (leaving home at 5:30 P.M.) to see Anna. Stopped with sister Wm Turner.

Sunday 2:
Bore testimony in 1st Ward S.S. Returned home in evening.

Monday 3:
Spent day arranging for special stockholders meeting for 7th to discuss new phase of oil situation. Took Lucile, Milton & Samuel to Fair on Passes tendered by Richard R. Shipp.

Thursday 6:
Busy at office getting matters in shape for stockholders Meeting.
Kimball started leasing on Jordan.

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Friday 7:
Attended General Conference in morning. Special stockholders meeting of Diamond Oil Co. at night.
Stockholders very enthusiastic and endorsed another assessment.

Saturday 8:
Reported that Pres. Grant and Ivins disclaim that plural marriage ever was essential in Mormon doctrine and that those entering into it since Manifesto are living in sin &c.
What a damnable farce!

Sunday 9:
Attended two meetings of Conference with children.

Tuesday 11:
Hired Gahagan at 7^{00} per day to help get Diamond drill going.

Wednesday 12.
Shelley started working at 5^{00} per day. Got out letter to stockholders.

October 1927

In evening attended meeting at Sister Forsyth's on 13th So. where some of the Saints are trying to enter into the Order of Enoch in their affairs. Gave them some advice along the lines of caution.

Thursday 13:
Had Shewell & LaBeonte go to Ogden to distribute papers and feel out sentiment &c.

Friday 14:
Working on literature for mailing to stockholders. Wife Ellis quite sick.

Saturday 15:
Got about 15 letters in the mail to stockholders.

Sunday 16:
At home. Had very pleasant visit with friend Heber C. Kimball and his wives. Blessed them at their request.

Monday 17:
Very busy at office.

Tuesday 18:

Sent Gahagan to Diamond to fix dam from depredations of cattle.

Went to Ogden with Shewell to see Tuttle and Russo about bonds. Got them fixed up by 9 P.M. Remained all night.

Wednesday 19:

Returned to office. Framing up for stock campaign.

Thursday 20:

Busy at office.

Friday 21:

Anna in from Heber City to attend A.E.A. convention.

Busy on stock campaign.

Saturday 22:

Getting out letters to prospects also articles for Watson Stock Brokers.

Sunday 23

Spent day at Diamond with delegation of Ogden people. All well impressed.

Monday 24:

Getting out letters to prospects. Two stenographers busy. Sat Bennetts writeup on paper. Called another special stockholders meeting for next Friday

Tuesday 25:

Busy at office. Voted at Primary election for Mayor & City Commissioner.

Wednesday 26:

Sent Behling, Gahagan & Jno. Barlow to Sp. Fork to haule tools to camp, also to inspect rods and casing at Sp. Fork from Bisby, Ariz.

Raining some little.

Shewell & Grubb came down from Ogden. Spent 1/2 day with them.

Thursday 27:

Miss Billings, stenographer sick.

Busy at office on raising funds.

Friday 28:

Raining all day.

Held meeting of stockholders at 7:30 P.M. About 100 present. Three germans gave us some annoyance. We squelched them.

October 1927.

Mr. Spaugh was present with his Radio Cemesaphone and gave a very interesting demonstration.

Mr. Buskirk and Grubb were present as geologists.

Stockholders voted confidence to Manager and gave him full hand in going ahead. Also favored starting to drill on upper structure while awaiting the Diamond drill for present Well.

Saturday 29:

Busy at office.

Attended home meeting at Bro. H. C. Kimball's with wife Mary at night. Bore my testimony.

Sunday 30:

Visiting among my children and with mother.

Monday 31:

Getting ready to move onto upper Diamond structure. Quite heavy storm.

November 1927

Tuesday 1:

Purchased lumber and other items for new camp houses. Bot son Guy new suit & shoes.

Wednesday 2:

Had boys load lumber. Preparing to leave tomorrow. Got report off to stockholders.

Thursday 3:

Boys left this A.M. with Hugh Gahagan & Jno. G. Barlow. Behling and Buskirk also left to survey and place corners on leased land where first drilling will take place.

Friday 4:

Getting supplies for new drilling site. Also letters to public.

Saturday 5:

Appointed meeting of Ogden stockholders at Ogden for 10th.

Got powder for camp. Also two men to start work. Behling and Buskirk came in at night.

Sunday 6:
Milton passed on to be ordained Priest in Yale Ward.
Spent day with children.
Got supplies to Behling.

Monday 7:
Raining. Behling left for Camp.
Got letters off to Ogden stockholders.
81st Birthday of Mother. Spent evening with her. Delightful time.

Tuesday 8:
City election. Voted for Bowman as Mayor, Burton and Peters as Commissioners.

Thursday 10:
Behling came from Camp sick.
Attended Meeting of Ogden stockholders in Bigelow hotel Ogden. Enthusiastic crowd. They voted me vote of confidence and support. Sewall, LaBounts & Buskirk were up from Salt Lake.

Friday 11:
Returned home. Got powder for Camp.

Saturday 12:
Got Behling and Hubble off for Camp with powder & fittings for Star Rig.

Sunday 13:
Milton ordained a Priest by Bp. Gaskell Romney. Attended S.S. Also Birthday of Guy and Mary at farm in P.M. Raining and snowing.

Monday 14:
Clearing off some. Behling phoned in for more powder. Got same to take up tomorrow.

Tuesday 15:
Went to Diamond with powder. 6 Boys working on cabins. Will move to upper camp tomorrow. Snowing some. Mud terrible. Returned home by 7 P.M. H. C. Kimball accompanied me.

Wednesday 16:

Busy on mail, advertising and collecting material for camp.

Wife Ellis recovering from severe sick spell.

Got off report to stockholders

Thursday 17:

Gahagan and Barlow came in with truck for lumber, stove, beds &c.

Friday 18:

Got supplies for truck. Loaded up.

Monday 21:

Left for Diamond. Found boys with rig off lower site, moving down. Not enough horses. Ab & I started down for horses and supplies. Got 4 horses at old Whiting ranch. Went to Springville for night. Snowed heavy in valley.

Tuesday 22

Got supplies at Sp. Fork. Reached Camp No. 2 Well 9:30. All teams ready including truck. Hales & Bebling had tilt of no consequence.

Taking down Boiler - Tower broke

on hill. Left boiler & hooked on to rig. Got it in jack pot abt 1/4 mile up red gulch after dark.

Wednesday 23:

With Hales teams & truck got rig on road ready for all horses. Going up red gulch dugway front well slid off road almost precipitating the machine 20 ft. below. Getting this righted, one of the horses fell over the bank. We cut it out of harness and it dropped to bed of stream without injury.

Got machine to drilling site abt 7 P.M. All felt greatly relieved

Thursday 24:

Left Camp at 7 A.M. with Hales for home. Spent day with children and in getting supplies for camp.

Friday 25:

Left 7 A.M. for well, taking Hales from Sp. Fork. Got boiler moved. Rear tire on truck collapsed. Went to Sp. Fork & phoned in for tire & tube 42 x 9 - Costing abt. 19^{00} wholesale

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Stayed at Springville.

Saturday 26:
Got tire & tube by Express 8:30 A.M. Helped Behling install same. Reaching camp found supplies low. Went back to Sp. Fork for supplies returning to Camp about 5:30. Left Camp 7 P.M. for home. Rich Jessup with me.

Sunday 27:
Spent day resting.

Monday 28
Behling came in with Truck yesterday. Helping him gather material to be loaded. Taking out Water tank - 55 Bbls. lumber, drilling line, belt, fire brick &c.

Tuesday 29.
Got Behling off with load about 12 Noon. Took Brand the driller with him. Also Jessup.
Took up stock matter with E.R. Woolley. He & I agreed to work together on 50 & 50 basis, to get money to finish well.

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Wednesday 30:
Advanced Woolley 500^{00} cash & 30,000 stock. Market went up. Very busy in office

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Thursday 1.
Sent Gould out to Bingham for tools. Also sent Kimball to Springville for boxes &c.
Got large amount of mail dictated & outlined letter to stockholders.
Wife Mary quite sick.

Friday 2:
Busy getting off letter to stockholders. Lively day. Ordered Sub. from Los Angeles.

Saturday 3:
Cleaning up Correspondence at Office. Buckirk left for well.
Yesterday Executive Committee gave me addition option on 100,000 Sh. stock at 10 ¢. net to Company.

Monday 5:
Sub for Well arrived today. Arranged to spud in on Wednesday Well # 3. Inviting stockholders.
Took Wife Ellis to see "Mitzi" at S.L. Theatre.

Tuesday 6:
Heavy snow fall this morning and continuing during day.
Arranging matters to leave for Camp tomorrow to spud in.
Brand came in "knocked out" with bruises and sickness.
Blanche - daughter - Birthday.

Wednesday 7:
Left at 7:30 A.M. for well with Shewell. Big snow storm in S.L. Valley. Very little snow in Provo and south. At Springville my car skidded across road against tree, completely disabling it. Went to well with Westmoreland. Clawson Film boys were there. About 12 visitors all together.
Spudded in new well on N.E. 1/4 Sec. 29 - 8 S. 5 E. 15" hole. Pleasant day. I remained at Camp.

Thursday 8:
5° below Zero last night. Fire all night in cabin & water froze.
Spent day at well. Made about 15 ft.

Friday 9:
Came home with Buskirk. So cold took nearly 3 hours to get his car started. Home by 5 P.M. Wife Ellis had been sick.

Saturday 10:
Busy at office until 5 P.M. Helped Behling load length 15½" casing & get other supplies.

Sunday 11:
Behling off for camp with truck.
Spent day at Yale and Kensington Apt with kiddies.

Monday 12:
Delinquent stock sale. It brot from 9¢ to 10¢ per share, the highest ever.
Busy at office.

Tuesday 13:

Busy at office. Behling came in for rope clamps. Boys down on No. 3 - 65 ft. Monday morning.

Writing from Los Angeles, Mr. Venton, a stockholder says, Dec. 5-1927

"No one will be more pleased than myself to see you make the grade, because few indeed has ever maintained the confidence of the stockholders that have gone up against similar conditions that you have overcome in spite of all the set backs; and I believe your stockholders will soon receive the reward of their confidence in you, that you second to none could have given to them, only a master mind could accomplish" &c

The above is a sample of the many testimonials given me ~~from~~ by different stockholders throughout the country. I naturally feel proud of such a record, but the accomplishment has cost me much in strength and anxiety. It has been a tremendous task, but I am winning and I believe the Lord is with my efforts. Without this belief I cannot win.

Wednesday 14:

Terrific wind all night - Regular blizzard. Some snow.

Behling got off for camp about noon.

Thursday 15:

Arranged with Pantages to run film of spudding in.

Got readings off to Photographer

Some snow.

Samuel's Birthday - 8 years. He is growing to be quite a man.

Wife Ellie's improving.

Today's Horoscope

Samuel.

Very good reading

DECEMBER 15.

The spirit of folks such as are born under the sign of the Archer on this date makes for progress in economic and financial problems. Sagittarius subjects are forever busy, and possess abundant energy to maintain the pace they set for themselves.

This very thing may cause much unhappiness in home life if joined with those born under less active signs who cannot understand how it is possible to be so busy.

Both men and women of this date are of impulsive nature, and sometimes speak before they consider the consequences of their words. They are quick-tempered, yet as quickly recover their good nature. Fondness for paintings, music, needlework, etc., is a common attribute, and many artists of real merit are born on this date.

Friday 16:
Busy at office.

Sunday 18:
Milton's Birthday - 16. Quite a man. Accompanied Bastick, with his daughter and mine - Lucile, to Diamond Well #2. Deep snow in canyon. 18° below Zero. Made camp by 1 P.M. Well shut down. Bumped pin on stem. Behling took stem into Salt Lake. Struck sand with oil coloring at about 100 ft, thus confirming Spaugh's readings.
Got Dodge car at Springville. Repair bill 74.00. Reached home 8 P.M.

Monday 19.
Santa Clausing with Sam. Also getting Behling fixed up with supplies. Still very cold.

Tuesday 20.
Got bal. of letters off to stock-holders regarding camera ~~f~~ views of spudding in to be shown at Pantages. Also Oil & Mineral News to stockholders. Ordered two bits 17½" & one 22 inches

from Eastern Metal & Iron Works. Bot. 50.00 worth candy & nuts for Santa Claus.

Wednesday 21:
Got Utah Oil & Metal News off to stock-holders, announcing striking of oil sand.
Behling got off for Diamond with stem and bit on truck.

Thursday 22:
Busy at office - Daughter Anna got in from Heber for Xmas.

~~Thurs~~ Friday 23.
Behling came in from well in morning. The boys came in at night. Got stock gift off to Employees and Directors.

Saturday 24:
Winding up pre-Christmas details. Played Santa Claus, assisting in filling some 40 stockings.
Boys brot. in sample of oil from well. Everybody enthused over results.

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Sunday 25.
Christmas. Up at 5 A.M. Wonderful morning. Santa very kind to me all. Took Ruth to Doctor 11 A.M. Mary quite sick at Farm, stomach trouble. All else well. Feel grateful to the Lord for his bounteous blessings.

Monday 26:
Attended party given by grandson Charles. Spent day quietly. Very pleasant weather.

Tuesday 27:
Spent day getting boys fixed up with provisions for camp.

Wednesday 28:
Got boys off about noon. Batching with Trent and Gahagan with car provisions for balance of winter. Deep snow during night.

Thursday 29:
Busy at office cleaning up desk.

Friday 30:
Routine at office. Posting up books.

Saturday 31.
Son Samuel Baptised at Tabernacle font by Kenneth E. Farnsworth.
Gahagan came in last night. Jumped pin on 15" bit. Bit in hole. Needs slip socket. Got one at Eastern Iron & Metal Co. Very cold.
Gahagan reports better showing of oil and some gas at 135 ft. Looks very good.
Took daughters Anne & Bertha to show - Les ~~Mi[illegible]~~ Miserables.

Sunday Jan. 1-1928.
Samuel confirmed in Yale Ward by Apostle George Albert Smith.
Spent most of day with Gahagan getting his family difficulties ironed out. Ruth very sick again.

Monday 2:
Gahagan left for Diamond.
Weather moderating.

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Tuesday 3:

Working on paper and letter to stockholders. Got word of striking of oil showing at Bloomington Dome in accordance with Spangh's prediction.

Wednesday 4:

Working on Zitts and Russ Bond afc. Took daughter Blanche to Dr. Tyndale for rash on her face.

Thursday 5:

Mrs. Jno. Shewell passed away quietly about 8:30 A.M. heart trouble. Assisted family in getting funeral arrangements made. Notified Blanche at Los Angeles over Phone.

Getting papers out to stockholders.

Friday 6:

Gahagan and Barlow came in for Elevator yesterday. Got pair 13 1/2" at Eastern Iron & Metal Works requiring repairs. Left today at noon for Camp.

Ordered 13" bit from Oil Well Supply Co. Los Angeles 16¢ per pound.

Mailing out papers & letter to stockholders.

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Saturday 7:

~~Got~~ Rich Jessup came in last night to attend funeral of his grandmother at Mendon.

Assisting in funeral arrangements for Sister Shewell.

Daughter Ellis' birthday. Attended her party. Took Ruth to Hospital for another course of treatments.

Sunday 8:

Attended S.S. at Yale. Funeral of Sister Shewell. One of the speakers.

Monday 9:

Busy on financial matters.

Tuesday 10.

Spent day trying to recoup Treasury. Got nothing.

Wednesday 11:

Learnt boys shut off water yesterday at well & making hole again.

Hustling finance.

Thursday 12.

Hustling finances. Took wife Mary to Pan. Compliments Jimmie Milne.

January 1928

Wife Ellis left for Los Angeles, health and business trip

Friday 13:
Busy on finances

Saturday 14:
Behling & Gahagan came in for casing spear, to pull 12½" as water had broken in. Finally located one at Kemmerer Wyo, getting it by Express - 15^{00} daily rental.

Burkirk left for camp this A.M. with driller Mahoney.

Sunday 15:
Snowing heavy. Samuel unwell with cold and fever. Spent day at home. H. C. Kimball visited me in evening, with wife and three children.

Monday 16:
Behling & Gahagan got casing spear and left for Camp.

Grandma Hill dying. She has been lying unconscious since last Friday.

January 1928.

Saturday 21:
Have been busy all week hustling funds for Company with little success. Have some promised for Monday.

Got Ruth out of Hospital Thursday.

Grandma Hill died Friday 9:50 A.M. 86 years of age. Wife Mary quite sick with nerves.

Sunday 22:
Wife Ellis returned from Los Angeles.

Monday 23:
Funeral of Grandma Hill in Mill Creek Ward. Good turn-out. Formalities carried out to a T. Heavy snow storm all day, especially during the funeral.

Tuesday 24:
Arranged with Mr. Burkirk yesterday to supervise work at Well as well as serve as Geologist of Company, at 300^{00} per Mo. beginning Jan. 1.

Took Wife Ellis, her mother, Olea etc. to see 7th Heaven at Pantages.

Working on financial matters.

Some sleet during [illegible]

Wednesday 25:
Working on financial matters.

Thursday 26:
Hired tool dresser from Wyoming to work with Mahoney.
Buskirk loaded up to leave for well tomorrow.
Weather modifying.

Friday 27:
Buskirk left for well with new tool dresser.
Behling came in for supplies.

Saturday 28:
Got new Gasoline Engine 3 H.P. 119^{00}, 5 drums burner oil and other supplies for Behling. He is leaving for Camp tomorrow.

Sunday 29:
S.S. at Yale.
Spent day visiting my family.

Monday 30:
Buskirk, Galagan & crew came in & took us by surprise. We had

just got a check for 150^{00} on stock, and they evidently smelt it & came in. Dont blame them. They want 4-5 joints & we are trying to get them

Tuesday 31:
Arranged with Ed. Harris for two bits, tank, wrenches &c. 12½" 4-5 joints. Instructed Behling to get them. He is at Greenriver with Truck. Also ordered Box for stem 4-5 to be shipped to Provo.

Wednesday February 1-
Got boys off for Well at 1 P.M.
Still wrestling for money.

Thursday 2:
Working for finances. If no help comes by tomorrow, it means an assessment. Its tuff to drill a well without finances.
Mild and pleasant day

Friday 3rd
With Woolley all day trying to get fixed up, but no success. Took wife Ellis to Delmonte Theatre.

Saturday 4:
On firing line all day for money. Raining during night.

Sunday 5:
Spent day visiting among children and my mother. Beautiful day.
Buskirk came in from Well last night.

Monday 6:
Ordered Walking Beam timber for Well. Also writing on finances. Some rain last night.

Tuesday 7:
Buskirk left for well.
Behling came in to attend some personal business.

Wednesday 8:
Report from Gahagan, pin broke on stem. Hole 785 ft. Water shut off.
Held Board meeting & levied an assessment #18.
Snowing some. Much colder.

Thursday 9:
Hustling finances. Got out letter for Printer on assessment.

Friday 10.
Got Assessment letter ready to mail.
Will Hill came home to the farm Tuesday very sick and he is being cared for by his sister Mary.

Saturday 11.
Gahagan in for injector. Got him fixed up with money and tools and out. Still on ragged edge.

Sunday 12:
Attended S.S. at Yale. Also looked at farm at Crescent, contemplating trade of my west side lot for same.

Monday 13:
Clearing out correspondence on my desk. Got Behling and Buskirk out for Camp.

Tuesday 14:
After E.R. Woolley all day on financial matter.

Wednesday 15:
Jno. Barlow came in. Quit job of cooking at Camp. Had falling out with men.
Got another cook.

Thursday 16:
Buskirk came in. Broke weld on stem. Got other supplies and left for camp about 4 P.M. taking cook with him.

Friday 17:
Still working on finances. Have $10,000.00 promised. Will soon be able to take care of my creditors.

Saturday 18.
Buskirk reported strike of oil at 375 ft, with all conditions favorable.
Busy at office.

Sunday 19:
S.S. at Yale. Spent day visiting

children. Beautiful day. Spring is near.

Monday 20:
Beautiful spring day. Got Dodge overhauled - 54.00
Rehling came in for fuel oil.

Tuesday 21:
Got Rehling off with supplies.
Working on finances.

Wednesday 22:
Washingtons Birthday. Worked all day on my 1927 expense and stock sales accounts and dictating letters on Dictaphone.

Thursday 23:
Stormy. Buskirk came in with Mahoney, who quit to take another job. Got Reinhardt, brother to our tool dresser, down from Kemmerer, and he & Buskirk left for camp in P.M. Bozo reported good showing of gas at 530 ft. Feel very much encouraged.

Friday 24:
Working on finances.
Also on annual statement.

Saturday 25:
Buskirk Phoned in, Engine broke down yesterday. Got Moore up to weld frame. New bit came from Greenwin. Depth 545 ft.
Jno. T. Clark told me in name of the Lord, it was my mission to assist the Church in its financial policies in the future. Am much concerned over the poor people. Want to help them. So many need a little lift and steering. I hope and pray it may be my good fortune to help them get started.

Sunday 26:
Spent day at Yale S.S. and at Farm. Aunt Annie Spencer visiting.

Monday 27:
Working on finances. Buskirk reports 600 ft.

Tuesday 28:
Buskirk in from Well. Behling

phoned stem broke again in weld. Truck broke down while going down canyon to take stem to Provo. Getting truck to go after stem and man to overhaul our truck. Roads very bad.
Samuel sick. Spent P.M. at home.
Ordered new 26 ft. stem from Los Angeles - Oil Well Supply Co.

Wednesday 29:
Behling reported stem so faulty in box weld that it could not be used. Instructed him to come in with men. Working on finances.

Thursday March 1.
Working on articles for Utah Metal & Oil news. Men came in from well.
Went to West Jordan to see a farm with Jno. Barlow with a view of trading my equity in the West side home for same and letting Barlow run it.

Friday 2:
Ordered stem yesterday from Oil Well Supply - Los Angeles, and another stem (extra one) [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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Saturday 3:

Stainbrook got in Salt Lake today and drinking hard. Wants a job. Cant use him.

Went out looking at property with the Barlows in P.M.

Sunday 4.

Wives Mary & Ellis gathered at 1264 Yale to honor my coming birthday. Present. Grandmas Musser & Shipp. 17 Children and 4 G. children. Had a splendid time.

Monday 5:

Got boys off for well. Beautiful day. Talked with Mr. Morton about structures in Arizona I am after for Diamond Oil Co.,

Did first work of season in garden at 1264 Yale, digging, trimming trees &c.

Tuesday 6:

Getting News papers off to stockholders with latest developments written up.

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Wednesday 7:

Working on finances for Company. Also getting out papers in mail to stockholders:

Had talk with E.R. Woolley on money matters. He proffers to get behind the Company.

Thursday 8:

56th Birthday. What wonderful events have taken place in the world since my advent into it! From ox teams to flying machines – tallow dip for light and wood for heat to Electricity. From the pony express to the radio. What next? The past year has been wonderfully filled with events in my experience. In my work with Diamond Oil Co. much progress is being made toward the final success. The signs of final distinction are becoming more clear and are multiplying very rapidly. During the past six months I have read the Book of Mormon, Doctrine & Covenants, Pearl of Great Price and much of the Bible. Never before have these sacred books meant so much to me

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Never before was my understanding of the scriptures so clear. Never before in the history of the world, as far as we understand it, have so many wonders happened. Truly we are living in a fast age and an important one.

May each year find me wiser, better and stronger in the battle for truth.

Friday 9:

Went to Granite with Jno. Y. Barlow to see some property.

Took wife Ellis to Pantages, compliments of the show house.

Some rain.

Saturday 10:

Busy at office. Nellie McKinney gave birth to daughter at L. D. S. Hospital.

Sunday 11

Raining nearly all day. Spent day S. S. Yale and with folks at Kensington Apts.

Rained and snowed all night.

HARDENED

I'm fifty-six years old; that guy called Job
Can't come it over me--I'll say he can't.
I've worn that ashen crown, that sackcloth robe
And done my share of whoop and paw and rant.
I've seen it all; bring on whatever's left--
It can't scare me; of shudders I'm bereft.

I'm fifty-six years old; I've seen it all.
I can't grow gushy over anything.
I know there'll be red foliage in the fall,
White snow next winter and green grass this spring.
There'll come some moron warbling all is wrong,
But I'll not buy a copy of his song.

I'm fifty-six years old; been married long,
And have a family much like yours, my friend.
Life hasn't been one burst of rippling song,
And goodness knows what lurks around the bend--
But let 'er lurk! I'll stick around and see.
There's no more dread that can be sqeezed from me.

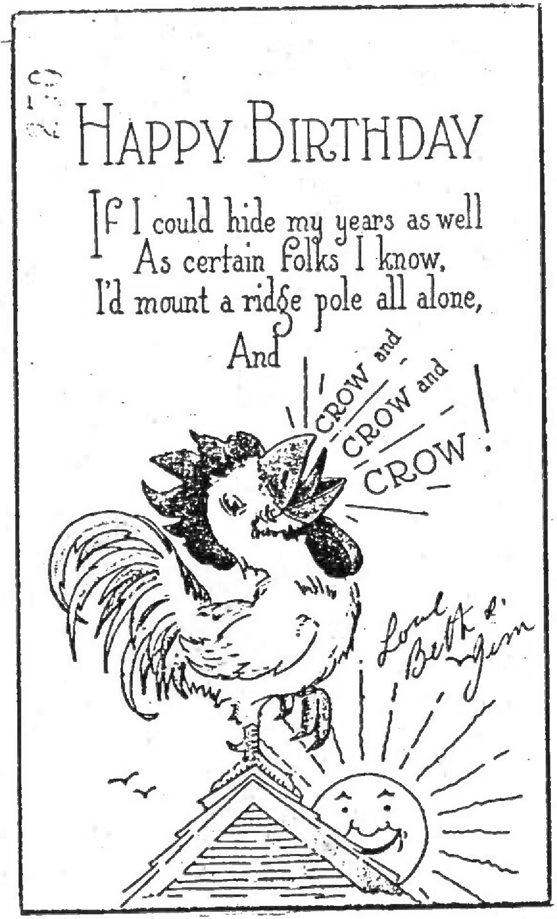
--Strickland Gillilan.

3/8/28

Dear Daddy,

It wasn't till this afternoon that a fitting birthday greeting for you occurred to me. Then I remembered this poem and thot you might like a copy, even though it reaches you at a late hour.

Love,
Ruth. ⊗



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

If I could hide my years as well
As certain folks I know,
I'd mount a ridge pole all alone,
And
CROW and
CROW and
CROW!

Love
Beth & Jim

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Monday 12:
Spent day at office on correspondence. Last day of assessment #18. Delinquent tomorrow. Rained and snowed during night.

Tuesday 13:
Took Jno. Y. Barlow & wife out to see two farms. Decided on one at East Crescent as best buy, providing I can swing the deal.

Wednesday 14
Snowing and raining. Heavy frost at night.
Bebling came in for oil for bits. Said hole down 730 ft. and going fine.

Thursday 15-
Helping Bebling with supplies for camp. He reports can't get beyond Ry. Track with truck for mud.

Took Wife Mary, Blanche and Priscilla to see "Student Prince" at Pantages. Snowed some during day.

Friday 16:

Lovely day. Belding left for camp. Paid 500^{00} to Zions S. Bank for Webley on my West side property. Ordered thru Lund & Co. 3000 ft. 7/8" Drilling cable and 600 ft. 1" casing line.

Saturday 17:

Belding reports hole 810 ft. this A.M. Showing of oil at 765 ft. Roads improving but not passable yet.

Daughter Anna in from Heber to attend the Utah Basket ball finals at L.D.S. Gym. She is rooting for her Dixie team from St. George. I attended with her. Stood up from 7 to 10:30 P.M. Dixie and Pleasant Grove teams last contestants. D 36 – P.G. 19. Dixie goes to National game at Chicago next month.

Sunday 18:

Spent day with mother, and at the farm. Mother took dinner with us at the farm. Beautiful day. Flowers springing up, Birds singing, Sheep Lambing &c.

Monday 19:

Started Buckirk getting leases on Rock Creek structure in Northern Arizona, south of Virgin.

Took up matter of Cedar City Ry. lease of trackage with Mr. Amos of U.P. System. We agreed to let Utah-Cal. hold half of lease if they pay their back rent for one year.

Took wife Ellis & kiddies to see Kelley and Cohen in Paris for diversion.

Beautiful day.

Planted ten Peony roots at 1764 Yale, got from farm.

Tuesday 20:

Got out delinquent list for paper.

Routine at office.

Started gardening at home in evening

Wednesday 21:

Gahagan came in with Truck last night. Drilling line completely gone. Will do some needed work on truck & take line back with him upon arrival.

Planted sweet-peas at 1764 Yale

Attended entertainment with wife Ellis at home of Joseph Peery, Yale Ave. by invitation from him. The occasion was a get acquainted one for High Priests and their wives. Since I am supposed to be out of the Church and dis-possessed of all Priesthood, I cannot understand why I should be invited to such an occasion. But the Brethren treated me fine and a splendid sociable spirit prevailed.

Weather ideal and upbuilding.

Prepared special letter to stockholders, reporting progress.

Thursday 22:

Beautiful day.

Working on leases in Diamond with Kimball and in Arizona on Rock Creek with Galagan & Burkirk.

Rained during night.

Friday 23:

Raining most of day.

Working on finances. Getting truck repaired.

Having to take Ruth to Hospital again.

Saturday 24:

Took Ruth to Hospital again. She is very weak. Had long conference with the Doctors yesterday. They are at the rope's end. Know not what to do. It seems a case in which only God can help. Would to God we had looked to Him from the first instead of appealing to science.

Bot a used Packard for Engineering Dept. 650$^{\underline{00}}$ Traded in Burkirk car at 150$^{\underline{00}}$ + paid 150$^{\underline{00}}$ in cash. Bal. in 8 monthly payments.

Sunday 25:

Raining part of day. Spent day at Hospital, Yale S.S. and helping with Nellie's family, while she is at Hospital.

See Heber Chase Kimball has been excommunicated from Church for proclaiming the Fullness of the Gospel. The work still goes on.

Monday 26:

Nellie Operated on for ? - So far successful. Raining part of day.

Took [illegible] to Diamond in evening.

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Tuesday 27:
Quite a heavy snow storm.
Helped Gahagan load 3000 ft 7/8" line and 600' 1" casing line - 5090 pounds.
Got off for camp about 10 A.M.

Wednesday 28:
Storming (snowing) most of day.
Ruth some better, but very weak.
Working on financial matters at office.

Thursday 29:
Snowing and raining.
Working on financial matters.

Friday 30:
Weather settling.
Dr. White returned to City from his vacation trip to Cuba.

Saturday 31:
In afternoon took Jno. G. Barlow to Charleston to see the Cannon farm, 760 acres - with a view to purchasing same. Stopped with Heber C. Kimball.

April 1st 1928.

Sunday 1:
Visited daughter Anna at Heber. Took her to Charleston & back to Heber. Returned home with Barlow about 7:30 P.M.
Ranch impresses me. Kimball is getting an option on same.

Monday 2nd
Beautiful day breaking into a heavy snow during night.
LeBrants left for Pocatello.
Word from Behling to effect, Gahagan from Tues. until Friday getting load to well, Hales taking it up from R. Ry track with 6 horses.
Hustling finances.

Tuesday 3:
Snowed hard in A.M. Sunshine in P.M. Discussed trade for Charleston Ranch in evening with Barlow, Kimball and Beck.

Wednesday 4:
Working on financial statement and routine at office.

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Thursday 5:

Weather settling.

Glen Halohan left for Diamond to relieve Behling to go with Buskirk.

Spent evening with Daughter Naomi in her new home 2721 S. W. T.

Jake and wife came to farm from Idaho.

Friday 6:

Conference day. Bro. Ivins predicted that the Records would shortly be brot forth.

Weather cold.

Strong Wind during night.

Behling came in from Well. Preparing to go to Arizona with Buskirk.

Ordered 2000 feet more of 7/8 Drilling line and 2000 ft. 1/2 sand line.

Saturday 7:

Busy at office during day. Cold but clear. Getting Buskirk & Behling ready for Arizona

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Sunday 8:

Had conference with Kimball on ranch matter in A.M. Helped to get Nellie home from hospital and listened to P.M. meeting on Radio.

Monday 9:

Got Buskirk, Behling and LaMonte off for Washington Co. and Arizona to inspect some land.

Beautiful day.

Tuesday 10:

Left 8 A.M. with Steinbrook for Well. Arrived at noon. Ab. came to City with Truck for Tank. Returned by night. Storming in P.M.

Wednesday 11:

Hole abt. 1190 ft. by noon. Left Camp. Took 3 hours to get to Rail Road. Stuck in Hays' field road. Yesterdays storm did it.

Thursday 12:

Busy at office on money matters.

Raining most of night and [illegible]

Friday 13:
Day clear but cold. Busy at office.
Ruth feeling bad at hospital.

Saturday 14:
At office in A.M. Attended funeral of child of Lyman Jessup in P.M. Spoke and upheld the Celestial Law of Marriage which is being observed by Bro. Jessup.
Furnished car for occasion.

Sunday 15:
Took Bro. Jas. G. Barlow to Charleston, and decided with he and H. C. Kimball on arrangements for new 760 Acre farm. Barlow to take charge of same. We are buying it on basis of 50-50 Bet. Kimball & I, and we let Barlow in on 1/3 by applying sufficient of his services on same. I am putting in equity of my west side property 229 N. 7 West. Kimball is putting in equity in his Charleston farm and a Salt Lake home. We assume an indebtedness of Abt. 30.000=

Monday 16:
Arbor Day. Spent day at office tracing drilling line & sand line, and following up financial matters. Gelagan reported sand line shot & instructed him to come in with truck.
Planted 2 - 2 Yr. old Bing and one Napolian cherries at 1764 Yale. Was assisted by son Samuel.

Tuesday 17:
Daughter Ruth operated on again for floating kidney. Dr. Andrew did work. Started under anesthetic at 11:40 operation started at 12 noon and ended at 12:20. Poor kid. She is a wonder to stand so much abuse. Her patience is no less than Godlike. She is filled with faith. I watched the operation and wished a 100 times I could take the pain for her.
Got Abe & Glen off for Diamond with 600 ft. sand line. Took Stainbrook with them. Let out the Rinehardt boys.

April 1928.

Wednesday 18:

Ruth resting as well as possible. Suffering much.

Rhinehart boys came in for settlement. We are short of cash. Am hustling. Boys start drilling today. Beautiful day.

Thursday 19:

Ruth had very bad night. Looked like she was going. Doctors and nurse working hard. Had Jno. T. Clark bless her today. It was after the blessing she had so bad a time. He rebuked the trouble and promised her life to fill up the measure of her creation.

Bro. Clark & I administered to Sis. Clyde Nelson and he being month we blessed her baby and named it as follows:

Jomeal Nelson. Born Apr. 11 1928. Father Jas. Clyde Nelson and Mother, Margaret Olson. Bro. Nelson, it is understood, was handled by his Ward Authorities for [illegible] the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

April 1928

Friday 20:

Ruth, after perilous night, showed signs of improvement today, thanks be to God. I feel she will live. She is a wonderful spirit.

Working with E. R. Woolley on money matters.

Snowing hard during P.M. and night.

Last Saturday night I spent, it seemed like, all night dreaming a most vivid dream regarding oil well, and in it I got a check for 1,000,000.00 thru Dr. White.

Jno. T. Clark tells me I will get the check.

Saturday 21:

Gahagan reports hole crooked, about 5% at bottom & wants tin cartridge and powder. Said encountered good showing of oil at 1300 ft.

Sunday 22:

Left for Well. Gahagan left with truck. Steering rod came loose. Helped to fix it. Got him to Camp at Noon with drilling & sand line.

April 1928.

Glen left for Salt Lake with wrenched back. Got hurt putting sand line over pulley on mast. Got line up too late to shoot well today.

Monday 23:
Strung sand line on reel. I fired boiler & helped the boys in absence of Glen. Bailed well until noon. Put in Hot 100 pounds 60% Geletine to correct slight defect at bottom of hole. Apparently successful.
Returned home by 5 P.M.

Tuesday 24:
Money matters distressing. Owing Hospital about 300^{00} on Ruth's a/c. Owing men about 500^{00} which they are demanding (the men whom we laid off) and have about 50^{00} to meet the situation. Am doing all I can to meet the situation.
Weather warming up.

April 1928.

Wednesday 25:
Hustled about 700^{00} to get men paid off. Got rid of them.
Buckirk & Behling returned from the South.
Beautiful weather.

Thursday 26:
Following up Woolley on finances all day. Got Glen Halohan off for well. Discussing matters with Buckirk & Behling.

Friday 27:
Busy at office ——

Saturday 28:
Gahagan came in last ~~month~~ night for more powder to finish straightening hole. Got 400 pounds for him. He and Behling went out together.

Sunday 29:
Buckirk took Photographer out to well, with Shewell, to see well shot. Got back same day.
Ruth worse. It was awful to [illegible] her suffering. H C Kimball & [illegible]

April 1928.

Monday 30:
Spent part of day home working on my car. Also put up fly screens.
Ruth feeling much better.
Boys shot well again to straighten hole.

Tuesday May 1st.
Beautiful May day.
Busy at office.

Wednesday 2nd
Rained during night. Colder.
In desperation for Money. Woolley's promises seem impossible of fulfillment.
Ruth apparently improving.
Car of Coal and one of casing arrived at Diamond.

Thursday 3:
Glen brot. Stambrook in with bad leg. Took Davenport back out to dress tools. Reports hole straight and drilling resumed.
Quite heavy frost.

May 1928

Friday 4:
Decided to levy Asst. #19. Mr. Woolley disappointed in getting settlement from Government and can't meet promises with me.
Gahagan came in with report boiler in dangerous condition. May have to have new boiler. It beats h— and yet our troubles could be worse.
Glen took Davenport out this A.M. as tool-dresser.

Saturday 5:
Sent Gahagan & Buskirk out to have boiler inspected for possible repairs.
Shipp family reunion held at our 1762 Yale home.
Buskirk reported boiler beyond repair. Instructed he and Ab to look up another boiler

Sunday 6:
S.S. at Yale. Hospital to see Ruth. She is hungry - a good sign.
Spent day at home.
Mr. [illegible] Bird [illegible]

He's a lucky chap to be released from his mission after making the enviable record he has. After all, life is only an experience — a school. We pass from one class — mortality — into another — immortality. He has graduated. God bless his memory.

Monday 7:

Found and purchased boiler of Eastern Iron & Metal Wks. 350.00 equipped. Had no money, but the people trusted us.

Getting out letters for stockholders Asst. #19.

Planting flowers at Yale.

Tuesday 8:

Squirming in 40 directions for funds with which to meet immediate demands. It certainly is an interesting game.

Wednesday 9:

Got out special letter to special stockholders asking for immediate help.

Attended funeral of Bird [illegible]

in Forest Dale meeting house.

He was (and properly too) preached into the 7th Heaven, altho he did what I did to get severed from the Church. What a contradiction! What inconsistency! Truly the ways of man are queer. How wonderful it is to know that final judgment rests with God, when justice and mercy shall walk hand in hand and act in righteousness.

H. C. Kimball left for Phoenix, Arizona, to look up some land matters for us. He is a faithful servant in whom I am pleased for his loyalty and determination. He can be relied upon.

Thursday 10:

Mr. H. C. Myers of Long Beach, Cal. called with two companions, to lease Company's Virgin property. Looking up references & going over details of proposed lease. Gebagan, Behling & Holohan, off for well with boiler.

Friday 11

Working on lease for Myers

Beautiful rain storm.

Mr. Frazier of Oil Well Supply Denver, called and asked us to give personal guarantee of the bills for material recently purchased. We declined and obtained an apology from him.

~~Frid~~

Saturday 12:

Got lease out and signed to H. C. Myers, A. W. Robinette and C.W. Adams, on Virgin wells and Refinery, on 15% gross royalty to us on all products sold.

Raining all day.

Samuel sick with fever.

Attended with wife Ellis & children Milton and Ellis, play "The Constant Wife" With Miss Barrymore as leading lady. This is said to be the last show to be staged in the old Salt Lake Theatre, as the property has been sold to the Telephone Co. I recall having attended shows there some 46 years ago. It is said to be the oldest show house in the U.S.

Sunday 13.

Mothers Day. Attended S.S. at Yale Ward. Delightful occasion

Ruth improving at hospital.

Samuel quite sick.

Grandma Shipp & Richard at dinner with us.

Sent Buskirk out to well with Leroy Daugherty, our new driller.

Raining part of day.

Monday 14:

Samuel threatened with pneumonia. Has flu.

Busy at office.

Tuesday 15:

Beginning to get some financial help from Asst. #19.

Buskirk home sick.

Sam, some improved.

Wednesday 16.

Behling came in for 30 sacks Cement to put in hole to straighten same. Having deuce of a time.

Samuel up again, thanks to the Good Lord.

Friend John T. Clark in trying to arrange my joining his people in mining interests in Farmington Dist.

Saturday 19.

Behling & Gahagan came in for more cement. Behling took out 2500#

Jno. T. Clark very sick last night. Took him home and cared for him. Better this A.M.

Sunday 20:

Took Wife Ellis & children to Charleston to confer with Barber on new farm matters.

Monday 21:

Shemell sick. Went to Well yesterday. Behling came in and got 3 ton more of cement yesterday.

Tuesday 22.

Threatened with Flue. Spent P.M. home on heroic measures.

Behling came in with word Cement [illegible] not set.

Wednesday 23: Thursday 24:

Behling left for Camp. Ole & Ab. returned in evening with Truck and Auto - Behling to stay in a few days and Gahagan to take sand out to try Cement with. Have State officials of Cement Dept. looking into Matter. Also dump bailer made.

Thursday 24:

Experimenting on Sand and Cement.

Friday 25.

Gahagan left for Well with Truck load of sand and new bailer.

Purchased from Rodney Shelley his 1926 Studebaker 2 door Sedan for 5000 Sh. Diamond Oil Stock & 300= Cash in monthly payments.

Saturday 26:

Went to Ranch at Charleston to take Milton who begins work today. Brot. daughter Anna home with me. Took Brother Gertrude & Samuel to

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Sunday 27:
Spent day home as blessed day of rest.

Monday 28.
Assisted in organizing Kaibab Oil Co. to operate the Company's Virgin Properties. New Company is officered as follows:

H. C. Meyers, of Long Beach, Pres.
A. W. Robinette " " V. Pres.
L. F. Bassett, Pasadena, Secy.
C. W. Adams, Monrovia Treas.
J. W. Musser, resident Director.

Spent the day escorting the gentlemen about the City.
Got word from Ft. Fork. Saddle on Walking beam broke – in for repairs. Test Cement job O.K. & drilling to correct crooked hole resumed.

Tuesday 29:
Buskirk returned from Virgin. Very busy in office with he and others. Put up 50.00 to send La Bonta to Denver to help him to live.

June 1928.

Saturday 2:
Went to Diamond with Buskirk, New Cook, Stainbrook, Jackman of Blackfoot and Mrs. Stewart. Boys still trying to straighten hole.

Sunday 3:
Went to Charleston with wife, Ellis & Lucile and Samuel. Had pleasant conference with Milton. Returned by 10 P.M.

Monday 4:
Kimball returned from Arizona Sat. Spent part of day with him going over matters concerning Ranch.
He left for Charleston in P.M.
Learnt from Gahagan, hole was straight and regular drilling resumed. Hurrah! Six weeks of h–ll over with. My! if only the stockholders knew the real battle they would feel differently. Thank the Lord we are out of trouble again.

June 1928

Tuesday 5:
Working at office on money matters.

Wednesday 6:
Kimball returned from Charleston and reports all O.K. on Ranch. Took up with he & boys the Arizona land matters.
Getting out report to Stockholders.
Galagan in, and decided to run casing - 10". He left for Crescent to get Shoe blocks.

Thursday 7:
Field day for school youngsters. Took Sam to Park. He was on ~~track~~ racing team. Came in 3rd in about one Dozen contestants.

Friday 8:
M. I. A. & Primary conference.
Many people in City.
Galagan returned from Crescent. Got needed tools.
Started to fix rails for Jasper at 1 Roy Yale. Put in 14 ready for Cement.

June 1928.

Saturday 9:
Completed placing fence posts in Vineyard at Yale.
Got Ab. off for Well to start Casing job. Buckirk going out tomorrow.
Took Wife Ellis & Jr. Aunts Clara Nora, Grandma and Nellie to S. L. Theatre to see "Just Life" a very punk play.

Sunday 10
Took Jno. T. Clark, Brothers Olsen and Nelson to Alpine to visit place where the "records" are supposed to be hid. Jno. T. explained again that Pres. Woodruff had set the place apart. That almost untold wealth had been hid there by the early Mexican Indians and that the time was about ripe for the bringing of them forth. He is the one, he claims, to bring them forth. He claims to be the "most literal descendent of Jesus Christ on earth today." While I think a lot of ~~Bro~~ Clark, and have read his many Patriarchal Blessings which are

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filled with promise, I am not convinced that he is the chosen of the Lord to be the one "mighty and strong" to redeem Israel. He may be. I am seeking light. Whatever the Lord sees fit to give me, I shall seek to cherish. To me, John's claims donot ring true in their entirety. That he has important work to do, I donot doubt, but that he is chosen to lead this people, I do doubt, and shall continue to doubt, until, at least, the Lord shall make His mind and will known to me.

At the spot mentioned at Alpine, I noticed some digging had been done since I was there before, and it would seem an effort is being made to prove something. We had prayer on the spot, each of us acting as mouth and each of us dedicating ourselves to the Lord.

Of late I have had many promises of wealth. Bro. Clark reiterated the promise today. I appear to be marked by some of my Brethren [illegible] coming man of wealth, for the purpose of helping Redeem Zion

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and to help the poor and needy of God's people. How much of these predictions come thru desire to flatter, or thru the desire of the individual that the thing happen, and how much is of the Lord, I know not. Certain it is I seem to be regarded by some of my Brethren as a financier and an instrument in the hands of the Lord to handle great wealth. But just as certain as a like opinion prevails among some of my associates, just as sure am I unimpressed. I dont seem to feel such a situation. I am filled with doubt. Certain I am that I rejoice in doing good to my fellow men. I love to help them. I feel a burning desire in my heart to make money and to use it in relieving the distress of my brethren and sisters. Whether the Lord is to use me as such an instrument I know not. All I know is that I desire to serve ~~Him~~ and keep His commandments, [illegible] brethren - that I am [illegible] weakest of the weak. If I can be used in any capacity, O, Lord, please thus honor me. Help me to be staunch and true. Help me to go straight and not to be led away. Bless Bro. Clark that he shall not be deceived. Help me to understand thy will and to do it. If I can be trusted with wealth for thy glorification, please prepare me for it, and cause that my children shall not be ruined by it. Help us all to salvation. I am for Thee now and forever. Amen.

Heard Sermons at Tabernacle on Radio. Some I could endorse, some I could not. I feel this people is rejecting the counsel of God and that we are only accepting a part of the Gospel. Bro. Grant's continuous speaking of tea and coffee and his failure to preach of the United Order, Celestial Marriage and other points of doctrine, does not impress me as genuine. God help me to do right and think right.

Monday 11:

Very cold. Stormy. Rained all night. Wife Rose Birthday. Spe evening with them. Took Anna and Bertha to Pantages.

Working on finance at office.

Tuesday 12:

Buckrich returned. Reported casing job successful. 1351 ft. 10" casing placed in well.

Raining. Quite cool.

Wednesday 13.

Took Wife Ellis, Sam & Lucile to Charleston Ranch to see Milton & get slant on conditions. Rained heavily at noon. Also hailed. Jno. Baker doing fine. I believe he will make good.

Thursday 14:

Busy at office. Turned Do[illegible] Car over to Wasatch Land & Li[illegible] Stock Co. Kimball took it. 3[illegible] Weather warming up again.

Friday 15th:

Went to Diamond with Sewell, Stambrook & Beth. Hale about 1395 when we left. Men felt fine. Everything looks good for fine well.

Saturday 16:

Up arching hay for stacking on the farm. At office getting creditors appeased. Ordered Car of coal for camp.

Sunday 17th:

Learnt that Gebhagen and crew came in. Broke Walking Beam saddle. All shut down.

- "Father's day." Just as if every day were not Father's Day. Every dog has its day. All days are Fathers Day. He is the presiding genius of all days.

Kiddies treated me splendidly.

Monday 18:

Got new saddle ordered for Walking beam Sampson Post. Also [illegible] hose and tube for water.

Bebbing leaves tomorrow to string pipe and get ready for boys.

Have very bad cold. Taking sweat bath at home.

Very cold weather. Some frost last night.

Tuesday 19:

Lost my voice. Bad cold, but improving. Weather modifying. Getting data on Anna & Josephine's trip to Berkeley, to attend Summer School.

Wednesday 20:

Left for Ogden in P.M. to fix up Bond matter with Zitto and to get modifications of Virgin Lease from Russo & Zitto. Met the gentlemen at 8 P.M. Got all I asked for. Must lay over until Bank opens for papers.

~~Stopped~~

Thursday 21:

Got Bonds - 76 of them [illegible] Zitto and returned arriving [illegible] home Abt. 11 A.M.

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Finished in evening, placing fence for grape vines to climb upon.

Friday 22:
Arranged with Sister Samuel Neff of East Mill Creek, to take Ruth a few days when she leaves the hospital.
Buskirk completed work on map and report on Arizona stuff.

Saturday 23:
Went to Well with Buskirk, taking Mrs Billings and daughters Anna, Bertha Josephine and Blanche. Well down 1485 at noon. Returned home in evening.

Sunday 24
Got Ruth out of Hospital at [illegible]M. Bill to date some over [illegible]0.00 It is just 3 months since [illegible]entered. Poor girl. Took her [illegible]Samuel Neff's for few days. [illegible] to Centerville for Cherries.

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Monday 25:
Find Ruth cannot stand the place I have taken her to. Sis. Neff has large family and little experience in caring for patients. The situation is not encouraging.
Boys in from Well. Fishing job. Drilling line broke. Took hold of rope with spear. Brought tools to top, when hold broke, letting them down 1500 ft. The Lord knows their condition. Got on sections up, including rope socket, Jars (broken) and Winged Sub, broke below upper wrench square. An awful mess. Sent Gahagan and Dougherty to Wyoming for a special fishing tool. Ordered 1000 ft Drilling line Exp. from Denver and will await results. Well down 1550 ft.

Tuesday 26:
Just for fun will give outline [illegible] my work today:
Up at 5:30 A.M. Bef leaving for [illegible] left checks for Wheat, [illegible] Auto - 30.00 which is overdue[illegible]
Listened to his talk at [illegible]

At office 7:45. Then Dr. Pace, after consulting with Dr. Andrew, found place for Ruth, - Mrs Arnason 1713 - 4th Ave.

Made two calls on Woolley for money he had promised; visited Mrs. Arnason, communicated with Ruth and Anna at Neffs, then made final arrangements with Mrs. Arnason for Ruth's keep.

Stainbrook came in for money.

Dr. White came to lament the fishing job at well.

Kimball came to discuss obtaining of Mower for Alfalfa at Charleston farm.

Milton came to draw on salary ap. for shoes &c.

Got Ruth at East M. Creek and took her to 1713 - 4 Ave.

Kimball came with note to sign Mower.

Got Hawkes off for Brighton with [illegible]m & coal for girls. Loaded my car & took Bertha and [illegible]rude up, leaving 3 P.M. At Brighton got girls straightened [illegible] and slept there.

Before leaving for Brighton, made special call on Woolley with no results.

Then the folks want to know why I cant do more for their comfort and earn a better living for them. I am as a man tied hand and foot and expected while tied to win in a foot race or throwing hand balls. And the funny part of it is my folks, with perhaps a single exception, cant see the ridiculousness of the situation. Most men make all else secondary to their business and succeed. With me, I must make business only an incident in life and am all the more expected to succeed.

Wednesday 27:

Working on financial matters. Very warm.

Thursday 28.

Got Anna & Josephine off for Berkley to attend Summer School in University. [illegible]

[illegible]

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Fare 19^{50} each. Stage leaves Salt Lake 1 P.M. in San Francisco abt. 6 P.M. ~~[illegible]~~ tomorrow.

Friday 29:
Took Spaugh up Diamond. He made practically same reading as 8 months ago. Made 5 readings. Very satisfactory. Took him back to Ogden. Stayed there all night.

Saturday 30:
Arrived home 6:45 A.M. Wife Ellis sick. Got Grandma home. Got fishing tool at 3:30 P.M. & Ab. off for Well. Told him if tools out by midnight best suit of clothes in store.
Jos. Barlow came in for money. Read riot act to him. Kimball helped. Think it will do him good.

Sunday July 1:
Attended S.S. & Fast meeting at [illegible]. Spent day at home.

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Monday 2:
Boys working on Fishing job at well. Very Warm.

Tuesday 3:
Broke special tool yesterday and boys—Behling and Galagan left for Kemmerer, Wyo. abt. 10 P.M. yesterday for milling tool. Return home tonight. Been driving night and day.

Wednesday 4:
Buckrich took Gahegan and tool out to Well this A.M.
I took wife Ellis & Ellis Jr. Lucil & Sam to Charleston. Kimball came up with his family. Terrifically hot day. Tried to get understanding with Barlow, but he is in a tight place—No money and big ranch. Samuel rode horse most of day. Chas and Kimball left yesterday [illegible] home. Couldn't get along [illegible] Barlow. Tingey the 17 came up to herd the sheep. [illegible] proclaimed it a success.

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Thursday 5:
Bebling in awaiting dif. socket from Kemmerer to take out to well.
Heat terrific.
Working on financial problems.

Friday 6:
Burkirk left for well with Herbert L. James of Los Angeles.
Nice rain storm.
Reported at night boys had completed milling a pin on tools.

Saturday 7:
Left for well at noon with Steinbrook. Found boys had not succeeded in milling a pin and milling tool was not holding up. Bebling had it at Reno. Got back with it 1. A.M. Boys run with it bal. of night.

Sunday 8:
Milling tool not working. Too small. Trying to mill pin in solid steel. [illegible] to have larger one made. [illegible] Camp. Left Glen there [illegible] Bruns [illegible]

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Ab. and I left S.L. on 9:10 train for Rawlins, Wyo, arriving there 7:45 A.M. Up

Monday 9:
Spent day at Rawlins getting line-up on tools. Went to Parco. Bot. Jars at 50^{00} original price 700^{00}. Wired Pittsburg and Torrance for prices on Milling tool. Got in touch with McCume of Beaveril - working for Utah Oil Ref. Co. also Bunth a drilling contractor and Associated Oil Tool Co. - Cooper. Finally decided to have Oil Well Supply Co. make me tool. Left Gahagan there to supervise same and I took 9:30 P.M. train for home.

Tuesday 10:
Arrived S. Lake 7:45. Spent day with Woolley on fin. matter.
Wife Ellis not well.
Warm.

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Wednesday 11:
Local showers.
Busy at office

Thursday 12:
Took Ruth to Brighton in evening, accompanied by her mother. Bertha & Charles are at camp.
Getting after people to drill Arizona structure.

Friday 13:
Nothing bad happened so far as I know. The Jinx is baffled.
Busy at office. Awfully warm.

Saturday 14:
Tool for Milling 7" pin on Winged Sub. got in. Boys left for Camp. Tool & Exp. $73^{\underline{87}}$. Had to hustle to get money to take it out. Exp. office.

Sunday 15:
Remained at home
Lovely rain showers.

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Monday 16:
Went out to well with Burkick. Found milling tool making but little progress. Stayed at Springville.

Tuesday 17:
Got camp supplies. Returned to well. After milling all morning and taking impression, we decided to adopt rotating method. Brot. Gahagan in to assemble tools. Behling coming in with Truck for material.

Wednesday 18:
Getting material together for milling work on test tools. Bou[illegible] some 300 ft. drilling rods from former Eggleston Bros.
Got note at Bank extended few days. Slight showers. Cooler.

Thursday 19:
Got Behling & Burkick, & G[illegible] off for well with material to [illegible] fishing job.
Night quite cool.

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Friday 20:
In putting drilling rods in hole, part of string unthreaded and fell about 500 ft. to bottom. Boys made a tool and "fished" them out without serious damage.

Saturday 21:
Went to Well with Sherrill. Got milling new pin good about 4 P.M. Stopped for night Springville.

Sunday 22:
Milled nearly ten inches of pin on tools. Left for home 11 A.M.

Monday 23
Got Combination slip socket from Oil Well Supply, Rawlins, Wyo., by Express - rental. Buskirk took them out.

Tuesday 24:
Birthday of Wife Ellis & Son [illegible]. Spent day quietly at home [illegible] to keep cool, except for [illegible] at Capitol in P.M.

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Wednesday 25:
Busy at office. Went to Brighton in evening. Had engine trouble. Got there about 9 P.M. Found Ruth and Bertha O.K. but needing help. Stayed during night.

Thursday 26:
Got back to City - H—l - by 10 A.M. Spent day working on finances.

Friday 27:
Terrifically hot - 107%. We are all hot, but few casualties. Working on finances.

Saturday 28:
Belling Phoned in. All well. Making very slow progress. Hope to have new pin milled by 1st of week.

Sunday 29:
Spent day in meditation, fasting and prayer. Hope the Lord will [illegible] me and help me in my [illegible] human struggles.

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Saturday 4th

Have spent week trying to get financial matters fixed up with E.R. Woolley. He is taking 100,000 shares of stock. His money is tied up in the red tape rules of the Government, and every hour he expects to get it.

Went to Well Monday - Back Tuesday morning.

Buskirk went out Wednesday with generator.

Buskirk & Behling came in Friday & had new socket made, to assist in cleaning the hole.

Sunday 5:

Took supplies to Milton at Charleston - thence to Diamond. Decided to get a spud and rasp. Brot Galagan & Stainbrook in.

Monday 6:

Got Vab. out with tool from rasp & spud. Stainbrook stayed [illegible] Behling came in Sat. [illegible]d.

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Tuesday 7:

Following up Woolley Money matters. Josephine leaves Los Angeles tonight for home.

Sister Blanche arrived home from St. George for visit.

Wednesday 8:

On money matters.

Josephine arrived from Los Angeles. She was elated with her experience abroad. What a wonderful time she had! And how happy we are to get her back with us.

Thursday 9:

In deep water all day. Money matters most distressing. My creditors are threatening all kinds of trouble. Woolley assures me he is coming across today or tomorrow.

Friday 10:

Attended the funeral of Anna Rosland Phillips - Robert [illegible] was a beautiful spirit - [illegible] much for the Gospel - She lived the Celestial law. She was persecuted with her husband - for the Gospel sake, and by members of the Church - by those who should have been the first to befriend her. Now she has gone to her eternal reward. My! how happy she should be!

Saturday 11:

Working on Money Matters with Woolley.

Helped Richard Shipp out of some difficulties.

Sunday 12:

Took Bertha & Ruth some supplies at Brighton. Ruth is improving some.

Had Richard & Alice, Ola & her children & Grandma Shipp up for dinner.

Wife Ellis went up to Pine-Crest to take bread for Nellie and to Charleston to get Milton, who had quit the ranch. All in all, a very strenuous day.

Monday 13:

Busy all day on Woolley Money matter, helping Bro. Richard Shipp out of embarrassing situation, and with Kimball on trade of Ranch.

Tuesday 14:

Buckirk came in for powder to shoot well at point where drilling fast tools.

Wednesday 15:

Having failed to get money as promised, from Woolley (he appears to be tied up) I made arrangements with Bank for temporary loan of 500.00 renewal of note, and had Board levy Asst. #7. Got out letter to stockholders.

Thursday 16:

Getting out letters to stockholders, Assessment lists &c.

Ernest Bamberger nominated on R. Rep. ticket at Ogden to run for U. S. Senator and Wattis for Governor.

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Friday 17:
Went to well taking T. Thomas and others. Boys just started drilling in hole after shot. Tools working well.

Saturday 18:
Got all letters to stockholders mailed yesterday.
Took Mary & Helen to Brighton with supplies for girls. Stayed for night.

Sunday 19:
Attended S.S. at Brighton. I opened with prayer. Wife Mary called upon to speak.
Bert. Mother home from Canyon.

Monday 20:
Tana left for her vacation.
Squirming in money matters

Tuesday 21.
Birkbeck came in and [illegible] little progress. After [illegible] well, boys bumped a [illegible]

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Jars. Seems like everything in hole but anvil.

Wednesday 22:
Went to well. Could not get hold of bit. Decided to try and drill past with 8" or 6" tools. Got home 10 P.M. Picked up tramp dog for children.
Hay fever very troublesome

Thursday 23:
Discussing diamond drilling well along with other methods.

Friday 24:
Jno. Barlow came in from Charleston. I advised him to go back on the Ranch for the new owner and stay there until final settlement is made.

Saturday 25:
Took Stewell down to well. Boys lost another bit in [illegible] works down. Must get a [illegible] crew

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Sunday 26:
S.S. at Yale. Spent part of day with my Brother Ball discussing drilling conditions.

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Saturday 1st
Working on new arrangements for drilling our Well.

Discharged old crew and engaged Mr. Stainbrook and Kime, the original drillers on the former well. Kime comes from Texas.

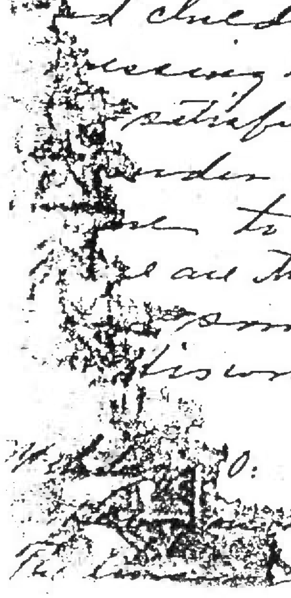
Took Kime & Stainbrook up there on Wednesday. Ordered 6" bit, jars from Wyoming and bailer from S.L. Plan to begin drilling next Monday.

Brot Ruth & Bertha down from Brighton on Thursday, Ruth standing the trip pretty well, but later giving way to a nervous condition that was quite disconcerting. [illegible]day saw Wife & daughter off for Vancouver B.C. and to San Francisco, the former place being convention City for [illegible] Ins. Co. Agents, those having written 700.000= paid & accepted Insurance, being guests of Company, all expenses paid. Ellis made the grade. Ellis Jr. goes to enroll for year in Mills College, San Francisco. Czar Kirkham, who has been keeping her up night and day for past 3 weeks and almost wilted the poor kid to a frazzle, leaves for Washington D.C. this Am. to resume law studies.

Took Mother & Sister Blanche to Pantages, compliments of Mrs. Milne, on Friday, Blanche leaving for St. George on 1st where she resides, with her invalid husband, a war veteran.

Sunday 2:
Attended funeral of Sister R[illegible] in Miller Ward. Spent the d[illegible] at home. Milton & Douglas Buick Car & I called them and made them return and then [illegible] [illegible] interment. Fathers children [illegible]

inconsiderate these days. There seems to be no limit to their demands. Parents must keep a 1600.00 car at their disposal at all times, — just for joy rides — hugging parties &c. — also keep them in gasoline, oil & when a smash-up occurs, repair the car. What are we coming to? In the last days, according to the Prophet Isaiah, Children were to become the oppressors of their parents, and women were to rule over their husbands. This is being literally fulfilled. Never was a more correct prophecy. The nation is being ruled by women, and children are literally oppressing their parents. They are [illegible] satisfied and will even resort [illegible]rder and all kinds of [illegible] to accomplish their ends. [illegible]se are the last days, and in order [illegible] some flesh, the Lord will [illegible] his work short in righteousness.



W[illegible] 10:

[illegible] by Fever during week.

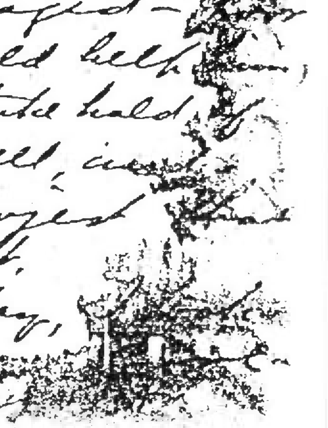
[illegible] are great [illegible]

Employed Stainbrook & Krine to try and correct trouble at well. They went out Monday 3rd. Visited Diamond on 5th found men making some headway but very slow. Took Cohn & his father-in-law & Bert Stem & Buckirk back. Buckirk took men out Monday, Bebling following with truck. Buckirk went down Friday reporting some progress Sat. night and took Shenells down Sunday, reporting more favorable progress Sun. Eve.

This morning had conference with Barlow & Kimball and found we were not owing Barlow anything. Kimball is trying work out the Ranch proposition. Barlow is discouraged — poor fellow — wish I could help him. He needs some one to take hold of him, stake him up well, and then finance a project he can make good at.

On the 3rd. Labor day, [illegible] children to Timpanogos [illegible]

[illegible]



Also accompanied by Dr. - Grandma Shipp - 82 years old. She made the climb to the cave and back without undue fatigue. It was a wonderful feat. Several younger than she gave up the effort before reaching the top.

Took Miss Billings into solemn council and enlisted her greater support of my business policies. She returned on 4th from her vacation. She is most competent, willing and anxious. She has been a wonderful help to me in the past - with her sympathetic understanding and willingness to stand by me. I hope we can do right thing by her and keep her a long time.

Tuesday 11:

Son Neil arrived on visit from San Francisco accompanied by Miss Pendleton from St. George, who is a close friend of Anna. Took him to Pan, with the girls.

Wednesday 12:

Billings phoned boys had all decided the hole was plugged and rig must be skidded. What awful news! I ordered them in. With the help of God, I will yet drill a well there!

Turned off very cold.

Money situation very serious.

During night heard clock strike on hour and half from 1 o'clock until morning. Am in bad shape from worry, but I will yet succeed.

Thursday 13:

Boys came in. Steinbrook said didn't authorize Billing to report hole plugged. Wants him [illegible] and to try again. Am having a fight with Dr. White & Billing on the one hand, Steinbrook, Shields et al. on the other. Am inclined to give Steinbrook another twist at fishing.

Sent Bluebird & Spaugh out with Steinbrook, to see if [illegible] to Have another location made and get general information on structure.

Friday 14:

Boys working with Radio Combophone at Diamond.

Busy forming Antelope Protective Syndicate to take care of Virgin stuff, Exec. Committee voted to put interest in on 7½ % over-riding and 10 % of stock.

Mr. Adams here from Los Angeles regarding Virgin stuff.

Saturday 15:

Working on syndicate stuff, also Virgin matter. Got Spaugh's report. He is positive we have the biggest thing in America at Diamond. Very enthused.

Sunday 16:

Wife Ellis returned from her Vancouver trip, via San Francisco, in good spirits.

Monday 17:

Turning warmer.

Very busy at office; working on syndicate business and meeting creditors.

Gave Belling good talking to and arranged for him to go back with Steinbrook to try and correct hole.

Spaugh reports greater enthusiasm than ever over Diamond structure.

Tuesday 18.

Made partial settlement with Oil Well Supply Co. on casing a/c. and averted law suit.

Working on syndicate matters.

Wednesday 19:

Burbeck, Steinbrook and Belling left for Camp - with Truck & Car with Horn socket and fuel oil, to recommence the fishing job.

Thursday 20.

Working on Syndicate papers.

Friday 21:

Completed papers in Antelope

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Petroleum Syndicate.
Capital - $1,000,000 - 1¢ per Interest.
Trustee - J.H. Musser
Secretary Montana Billings.
Selling 600,000 shares for $156,00
H. V. Francisco, Sales Agt.

Taking over some Diamond Oil Co. Interests in Arizona & Utah.

Heitcamp phoned from Adar would make Diamond tonight.

Saturday 22:

Left for well at Diamond. Took place of Buckirk at Boiler & sent him back to City on business.

Learnt Stainbrook took whip stock out of Well Thursday. Making some headway in spudding around bit. Took him to Sp. Fork at night and back to Well.

Sunday 23.

Fired boiler for Stainbrook [illegible] Ben Heitcamp came out from Virgin. Am using him there at Diamond for few days.

Spudding around bit going slow [illegible] some progress. [illegible]

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Returned home in P.M. bringing Sewell along. He went out with another party.

Monday - Wednesday 26:

Busy on financial matters.

Trying to help Jno H. Hill - my brother-in-law out, getting a farm in Salt Lake Co. Gave him & wife strong talk on family leadership. The husband and father should lead & the wife should follow. Order is essential to success. Keep near the Lord; let Him solve your problems, but let the husband be the leader and the wife the counseller and assistant, loving, obedient and helpful. We didn't find a suitable place for John, but may later.

Took folks at farm to see "Wings" a most remarkable air picture of war scenes.

Boys are drilling at Diamond fishing up the tools.

Thursday 27:

Left for Well. Raining [illegible]

in canyon. Had defficulty getting up.

Men successfully drilling by tools

Friday 28:

By noon we figured we were about 7 ft. by the tools with the bit working splendidly. It was a great achievement. Many said it couldn't be done. Stambrook said it could with the help of the Lord. It is done. Came home in P.M. Weather cleared up.

Saturday 29:

Busy at office. Had long talk with Mr. Codling, an Atty. from New York, on Plural Marriage and the Gospel. He is studying Mormonism with intention of embracing it.

Sunday 30: S.S. at Yale. Went to Diamond in P.M. With Wife Ellis and children. Shut down to clean [illegible] and fix rope socket.

Drilling satisfactory. About 1560 f

Monday October 1-

Busy at office. Had long talk with Mr. Codling of N. York. He is an investigator of Mormonism. Took Wife, Joe & Lucile to see "Singing Fool" - Al Jolson.

Tuesday 2:

Busy at office.

Tana working on pay rolls. Had her do some special work at Co. Recorder's office.

Wednesday 3:

Went to well with Mr. Codling, Jno. T. Clark and Shewell. Drilling progressing fine. Abt. 1575 ft. All predicting a well soon.

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Thursday 4:

Left for Virgin 4 P.M. Making Nephi – 90 miles, by 6:45. Stopped at Forest Hotel.

Weather blustery in Salt Lake but fine here.

E. R. Woolley, still struggling to place money in Company, but failed to do so today. It seems like all hell is arrayed against us, but we will win!

Friday 5:

Off at 4:30 A.M. No sleep. Arrived Virgin noon. Farmer, Robinette and Dalton fixing to save some oil. No. 3 Well on pump, claiming 30 barrels per day. Waiting for 10" pipe to shut off quicksand in new well drilling across creek. Down 18 ft. Fixed up very good shape. Believe the field can be made to pay, but needs more cooperation.

Went to St. George to find place for Ruth. Ate supper with my sister Blanche. Raymond is very bad shape. Stopped at Blanche's [illegible]

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Saturday 6:

Spent morning looking for home for Ruth. Saw Mr. Lund, Gray, Whitehead, Freemaster & found only one possible place, Mrs. Gray. Left for Salt Lake 10 A.M. Making Nephi, with intention of going up Diamond in morning en route home.

Sunday 7:

Battery dead on car. Had trouble getting started. Left Nephi abt. 9 A.M. changing Battery in Sp. Fork. Reached Diamond 11 A.M. 1585 ft. - abt. 4 ft. in hard lime. 2 ft. a day. Same gas. Showings very encouraging. Steinbeck feels fine. Arch Hale will go up in morning to help 5.00 per day, vice Heitcamp who left today in his car for Los Angeles.

Arrived home 3:30 - All well. Aunt Nora visiting.

Monday 8:

Beautiful day.

Arranged to let Mr. Codling have 100,000 Shares stock @ 10¢ for

immediate situation. He wired for money.

Took wife Ellis, Lucile & Sam to Fair and to Pantages.

Tuesday 9:

Had long talk with Bp. Henry Billings on Plural Marriage. He does not believe in it now, and doubtless never did. However we part as friends.

Wednesday 10:

Codling gave check 5000.00 for 50,000 shares. Spent day cleaning up desk and paying bills. Checked out nearly 5000.00 but feel easier.

Weather turned out very cold, nearly to freezing point. Rained during night.

Thursday 11:

Went to Well. Raining in afternoon and during night - very heavy all night.

Dressed bit twice during day. 18" drilled.

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Friday 12:
Raining and cold. Drilled about 7 ft. Dressed bit twice. Going into a tight lime sand.
Went to town in evening. Ordered new 6" bit. Also got bit guage made.

Saturday 13:
Reached camp at 12 Noon. Found Injector on blink. Rushed to Thistle and ordered new one Exp. to Sp. Fork. Reached home 3 P.M. Weather improved.

Sunday 14:
S.S. at Yale. Spent an hour with J. Golden Kimball, who has been sick for past 10 days. Also visited Grandma Shipp.
Enjoyed balance of day home resting up and with the kiddies.

Monday 15:
Cold and fair.
Helping Codling get out of hands of Brokers. Conference with [illegible], also Adams and

Kiabab Oil Co.
German-Graf Zeppelin, leaving Germany with 20 passengers and 40 crew and mail, last Thursday traveled over Ocean, approximately 5800 miles, arriving N.Y. today about 6 P.M.
Tonight listened to speech of Candidate Herbert Hoover, over radio from Boston, Mass.
What wonders! Distance is being annihilated. We are, some more with the rapidity of lightning. And yet people are not humble. God is being forgotten. Man is being given all credit, and is entitled to none. God gives all good and is helping the world to knowledge, yet we do not acknowledge the same. How ungrateful!

Tuesday 16:
Had conference with Mr. Playter whose Company is taking over our Virgin Interests. He assures us he is going ahead at [illegible]

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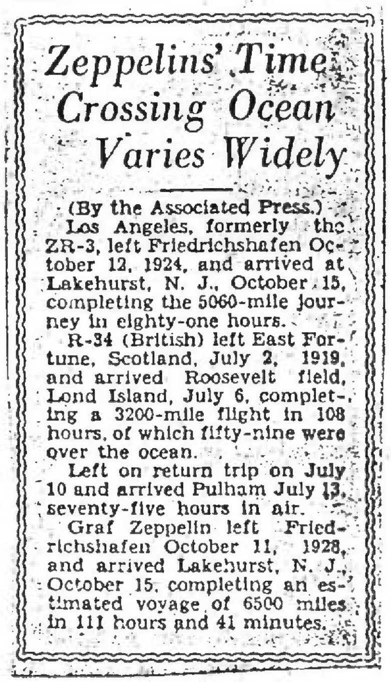
Introduced Bro. Loren Woolley to Mr. Codling.

Traded in my old Studebaker for 1928 used Commander at 500.00 on my car and 1185.00 for Commander. 60 days @ 8% or 18 months time in which to pay balance. Think I made a good trade.



Zeppelins' Time Crossing Ocean Varies Widely

(By the Associated Press.)

Los Angeles, formerly the ZR-3, left Friedrichshafen October 12, 1924, and arrived at Lakehurst, N. J., October 15, completing the 5060-mile journey in eighty-one hours.

R-34 (British) left East Fortune, Scotland, July 2, 1919, and arrived Roosevelt field, Lond Island, July 6, completing a 3200-mile flight in 108 hours, of which fifty-nine were over the ocean.

Left on return trip on July 10 and arrived Pulham July 13, seventy-five hours in air.

Graf Zeppelin left Friedrichshafen October 11, 1928, and arrived Lakehurst, N. J., October 15, completing an estimated voyage of 6500 miles in 111 hours and 41 minutes.

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Wednesday 17:

Got My New Commander Studebaker. Drives splendidly. Got Codling fixed up so his stock will not be a menace on the market.

Thursday 18.

Off for Diamond Well. Hole down 1600 feet tonight. Considerable gas. 3 ft. today. Slept at Camp.

Friday 19:

Made 5 ft. Formation changing into coarser sand, green and grey. Considerable oil and gas showing. Steinber feels fine over situation. Begins to look like business. Got home in evening and heard Very able talk of Gov. Smith at Chicago. He is Democratic Candidate for President.

Nights at Camp freezing. Days exceedingly warm.

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Saturday 20:
Left for St. George at 2 P.M. with son Samuel, after cleaning up matters at office.
Made Beaver for night.

Sunday 21:
Picked Ruth & Gertrude up at Cedar at 10:10 A.M. which they made by train, & took them to Sister Guy's at St. George. Ruth stood trip wonderfully well. I feel in my "bones" this change will do her good. God bless her, I pray in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
Started back about 3 P.M. stopping at Beaver for night. S

Monday 22:
After having tire fixed left about 8:30. Saw three live wild deer on the road bet. Holden and Scipio. Beautiful animals. Sam got a real kick out of them. Reached Diamond About 3 P.M. Found boys had encountered water at 1608 ft. & were shut down awaiting [illegible]

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to continue drilling until I came out again. Tried to get Spaugh but find he is in New Mexico. Probably small strata of water sand above the oil lenze - -
Weather on trip wonderful, except for total absence of moisture.

Tuesday 23:
Busy at office. Considerable excitement concerning Diamond Well.

Wednesday 24 - Thursday 25 -
At Well. Water interfering with drilling. Abt. one foot Wednesday. Thursday bit stuck and jars got locked. Got Bumper and cleared hole about 3 P.M. Coal out. Shut down and beat. Steinbrook to town for few days rest.
Rained light in Diamond on Thursday.

Friday 26:
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signed up with Codling for financial backing to put Sutcliff Anticline on maps.

Saturday 27:
Busy at office in a.m. Left at noon with wife Mary, daughter Blanche, Aunt Minnie and her daughter Allie, for Mendon, in my car. Took 2:15 min. to make trip. Had gala time among relatives listening to their tales of "poor health." I think I have never been among a group that found so much pleasure in "enjoying poor health." Stopped with Aunt Mary Sorensens

Sunday 28:
After spending the day at Mendon and Logan, left for home 7 P.M. Trip made fine.

Monday 29:
Got matters straight and left for well with Stainbrook at 2:30 P.M. Came down and

stopped at Sp. Fork.

Tuesday 30:
Took Arch Haller to Camp 7 a.m. Spent day trying heavy stem. It would not go down fast but took. Changed back to small tools and drilled about 6 inches.

Before leaving yesterday for Camp fixed up with Codling on additional 5000 sh. Diamond stock - 3000= cash and 2000= when well comes in.

Wednesday 31. ~~Nov. 1~~- 1928.
Made 2 ft. Same conditions. Good oil showing.
Rained all last night and practically all day.
Came down at night. Depth abt. 1614 ft.

Thursday Nov. 1- 1928.
At office clearing up mail.
Belding left with Truck of oil and gas.

Friday 2:

Heavy rain in A.M. Cleared off in P.M. Busy all day at office with mail and bills.

Saw Ben Lindsay's fool play on Companionate Marriage. I say fool, because one cannot understand what he is trying to get at in the play, except to elevate the marriage rite, and certainly we are all trying to do that under the present system. The only point Lindsay seems to make is that under the Companionate Marriage system, the contracting parties will have no offspring until they get good and ready, or find out definitely they love each other, and they can be divorced by mutual agreement. It is an advocacy of birth control, which I consider a damnably dangerous doctrine to introduce among young people. It will lead to the decay and final destruction of the Nation. Only the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the Celestial-Plural Marriage doctrine established by the [illegible] will save

the world. Nothing else can. Men who have left the "strait and narrow path" are continuously trying to accomplish great reforms by some other route than that preached by Christ, but their efforts are in vain. There is only one way to everlasting life and salvation and that way is to follow Jesus Christ. Matrimony must anticipate children or it is a failure to begin with. Young people should not get married until they learn to love each other. They must approach the situation in solemn prayer and humility, and then they may expect the Lord's guidance. Thus directed, they should assume the marriage state with a view to bringing forth issue—"multiplying and Replenishing the earth." A barren woman is like a barren tree—of no value,—especially so if she is intentionally barren. To real men she is obnoxious. And barren men are a curse to the land.

Saturday 3:
Beautiful day.
Busy at office
Wife Ellis sick.

Sunday 4:
Remained home except for a ride out with wife Ellis & children to Ogden and back.
Heard Pres. Grant at Yale Fast Meeting, tell how he learnt to speak so well and earn so much money.

Monday 5:
Went to Well returning in evening. Made 3 ft. in A.M. and 1 ft in P.M. Very hard drilling. Arranged for men to get home to vote tomorrow without shutting down.

Tuesday 6:
General Election. Herbert Hoover elected by said to be the largest plurality of any previous President. He is my choice - A Republican. He ran against Gov. Al Smith of New York who himself is a

very prominent and high minded man according to all accounts.
In Utah I voted mostly the Democratic Ticket, in order to assist in killing the "Sevens" organization which is a secret combination growing up in the Republican party here for the purpose of dominating in Politics. I believe we have killed it. Nearly the whole Demo. ticket were elected.

Wednesday 7:
Stormy. Quieting down after election. Working at Office.

Thursday 8:
Our stock took a sudden jump, some 40,000 shares changing hands at from 6 to 10 ¢ per share, on the Exchange.
Got word from Behling that more water was showing in well, and strongly advising that we abandon the hole and drill another. I instructed him to continue drilling until I come out

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Clyde Neilson quit yesterday. He couldn't stand the work.

Friday 9:

Wife Ellie getting ready for sewing bee tomorrow for the benefit of the Lord's good daughters who are raising children and are in distress.

About 25,000 Sh. of stock changed hands.

Busy at office.

Saturday 10:

About 14 000 shares sold on Exchange at 9 & 10 ¢.

Busy at office.

Sewing Bee at "Aunt Ellie's." About 18 of the sisters present. Ellie is a wonderful leader. She is making many a heart glad with her industry and contributions.

Got tooth filled.

Sunday 11:

Went out to well with Shewell. The showing of oil was surprising – the best I have seen. Beautiful day.

Looks like a well.

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Monday 12:

At office all day. Met Dr. Pauly Musser from Oakland, With wife Hazel. Took them to Springville at night – leaving for well in morning.

Tuesday 13:

Left for well 8:30 A.M. Raining. Had great difficulty getting up the Canyon. Saw wonderful Showing of oil – best yet.

Got back in Salt Lake About 4 P.M. mud from foot to head. Car resembled a prairie schooner.

Wednesday 14:

Getting up understanding on Wyoming land which I have been negotiating for for some time – Looks good.

Took Dr. Musser & wife on City outing.

Raining practically all day.

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Thursday 15.
Working on Wyoming stuff.
Mrs. Dr. Parley Musser, somewhat ill with throat trouble.

Friday 16:
Took over the Sylvester Hall Permit in sections 27-30-31 & 35, over 1100 Acres - ~~Twp.~~ Range 113 W. 6th P.M. Wyoming.
Organized $750,000 Co. at 75¢ par, 3,000,000 shares, The Diamond Oil Co. gives up 100,000 shares of its stocks and takes 1,501,000 shares in new company. This land is considered sure shot for oil. Producing wells all around it. Have been working on this deal six months and finally landed it. This gives Diamond Oil one more shot - and a good one.

New Company:

J.W. Musser, President
N.G. Morgan Vice Pres.
Jno. Shewell Secy. & Treas.
Jos. R. Murdock, Director
John T. White "
[illegible] [illegible] from Director

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$10,000 is pledged for first well.
Had conference with Mr. Clayter and Robinette, regarding Virginia lease. Clayter promised in case we did not cancel lease, his Company would set aside $10,000 to get activity started in that section. We told him to go ahead. Shewell was with me. Think they mean business.

Saturday 17:
Snowed all night. About 6" on level this morning.
Got paper filed in Ensign Oil Co. Storming all day.

Sunday 18.
Very cold, clear day. Got my brother Dr. Parley Musser off on train for San Francisco. Attended [illegible] meeting at Br. Kimball's home and spoke at length on the fullness of the Gospel.

Monday 19:
Got quite a bad cold & sore throat. Flu very prevalent in Utah and thruout world now.
Working on financial matters.

Tuesday 20:
Bro. Dr. Geo. Musser came to town from San Francisco on visit
Very Cold.

Wednesday 21:
Wife Rose down with Flu.
Stainbrook & boys came in afc. drilling line broke. Did not want to risk fishing job.
Went home early afc. of bad cold and sore throat.

Thursday 22:
At office in A.M. Ordered drilling line 600 ft. Exp. from Denver. Went home to dope up. Very cold.

Friday 23:
Remained home all day. Flu seems to be getting in its work. Throat clearing up. Got [illegible] [illegible]

for Diamond, via Phone. Belling is on one of his tantrums again. Had to tell him where to head in at. Got new remedy for Flu—try it: Equal amounts honey, lemon juice and olive oil. Mix hot and take table spoon full as often as needed. Pleasant to take and effective. Too simple for Doctors to prescribe.

Saturday 24:
Throat cleared up. Spent part of day at office.

Sunday 25:
At Farm nursing myself.

Monday 26:
Working on Arizona titles, making corrections in description as per L.O. advice. Also looking into Wyoming interests.

Tuesday 27.
Quite a heavy snow storm. Raining and snowing nearly all day. Yesterday wrote to

Prest. Heber J. Grant, protesting the handling of Mormons on a/c. of Polygamy. See the letter.

Wednesday 28:

Held Board meeting and accepted recommendation of the Manager to take an additional Permit at LaBarge on basis of 50,000 shares Diamond Stock. The same to be placed in Ensign Oil Co. All Directors present felt good about it.

Working on finances.

Thursday 29:

Thanksgiving. Beautiful day. Had Grandma Shipp, Richard, Loraine Hill & Nellie & family at Dinner. Samuel & Milton and Maid, Martha all down with Flue. Lucile took to bed later in day. But we are thankful for all we have and hope to accomplish our missions. The Lord has surely been good to us. In fact better than our actions warrant. The world is in turmoil. The signs of the "last days" are more apparent each day. God will not be

mocked much longer. The Agents of Destruction are at work on their life's mission.

The flu epidemic is spreading fiercely thruout the land. May the will of the Lord be accomplished.

Friday 30:

Busy at office on mail and getting finances in shape.

Saturday December 1st:

Left 8:30 A.M. with mother, 82 yrs of age, for St. George, by Auto. arriving at Sister Blanche's at 6:30 P.M. When she used to make that trip, it took from 10 to 15 days by team.

Found daughter Ruth somewhat improved, and arranged to have her move into an Apartment-small, of Sister Woodbury, at 17.50 per month, furnished, as soon as same is completed.

Beautiful weather. Roses and other flowers in bloom.

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Sunday 2:
Took Ruth for ride & she, Alice Pendleton & I ate dinner with Blanche at 1 P.M. Left 2:30 Visited Virgin. Found Robinetts still in charge, all tanks filled with oil, and a very hopeful situation.
Made Beaver where I stopped for night.

Monday 3:
Snowed quite heavy during night. Had difficulty between Beaver and Cove Fort. Was in a snow drift about 3 hours with a number of people to help me out. Arrived home by 6:30. Storming practically all the way up from Beaver.

Tuesday 4:
Busy at office.

Wednesday 5:
Went to Diamond. Roads in fearful shape. Boys down abt. 1680 ft. Out [illegible] splicing.

Thursday 6:
Spliced line in A.M. Instructed boys to drill until Sat. night & Come in, while we arrange to shoot the well.
Weather extremely cold.

Left for home 11: A.M. Working in P.M. on financial matters.
Mr. Burkirk returned from Kansas yesterday.

Friday 7:
Got Executive Committee, Diamond Oil Co. together and levied Asst. # 11. Getting out letter and reports for stockholders.
Requested Burkirk to leave for Diamond for general inspection tomorrow.
Very cold.

Saturday 8:
Wife Ellis down with flu yesterday. Some better today. Dr. Shipp Very sick

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Sunday 9:

Dr. Shipp somewhat improved, still seriously sick.

Wife Ellis sick with flu. Spent evening at farm.

Monday 10:

Boys came in from Well. All coal gone. Depth 1691 ft.

Had conference about shooting it. Ordered 200# gelletine from California thru Western Powder Co..

Arch Hales has infected finger. Sent him to Inter-Mountain Clinic.

Weather moderating. Preparing to snow.

Tuesday 11:

Snowed during day.

Working on finances

Wife Ellis better. Dr Shipp very low.

Wednesday 12:

Weather moderating. Working on finances.

Attended party of Gleaner girls and M Men of Mill Creek given at our home in Mill Creek Ward, by Son Guy and daughter Blanche. The event was a joyous affair and the talents of our kids were shown forth to good advantage. They did fine.

Got temporary loan from Bank of 500.00

Thursday 13.

10 Years since organization of Gustaveson Oil Co. - now Diamond Oil Co. Have had a wonderfully awful time and lots of fun. It looks like we are now about to make Good. 8 Yrs. ago when I took Mgment. we had 1200 acres of land in Diamond Fork. We now have about 80,000 acres in Wyoming, Diamond Fork, Weber County, Washington County and N. W. Arizona.

Small blizzard of snow.

Friday 14:

Pleasant day.

Working on finances.

Snowed heavy during night.

Saturday 15:

Samuel's Birthday. He enjoys it immensely.

Met powder man, with Burkirk, Stainbrook & Belling. Arranged for shooting next week.

Sunday 16:

Attended funeral service of Bro. Jno. W. Woolley of Centerville. Got stuck in snow and stripped gear in one rear wheel. Had to leave car there. Took Josephine with me. The proceedings were a conglomeration of mince-meat and kitchen hash. One brother praying and preaching Bro. Woolley direct into the Celestial Glory and another having him go thru hell first. What a travesty on reason. Bro. Woolley has spent his life defending the faith and the Brethren. There has been no sacrifice too great for him to make, and surely now, after such a life of usefulness, he will be properly rewarded. God is just and will reward righteously.

Monday 17:

Very Cold. Snowed yesterday. Working on finances.

Tuesday 18:

Financial problems stumping me. Powder came for well.

Wednesday 19:

Got Burkirk & Stainbrook out. Woolley expecting sugar settlement every minute & have been with him. Very cold. Pres. Grant called Woolley "Earnest Relentless Woolley," because he has insisted so strongly for his rights.

Loren C. Woolley told me today, that Joseph F. Smith (Prest.) married his father to his present wife in plural marriage, since the Manifesto. And then they say it cant be done. Fie on such Hypocrisy. It can & will be done until the end of time, for the law is eternal and has been restored for the last time.

Thursday 20:

Got powder - 200# 100% Gelatin from Western Powder Co. - also about 2000 ft. wire.

Prepared to leave for Well tomorrow.

Friday 21:

Went to Well with Mr. Larson, the powder man. Could not make a shot today, etc. defect in wiring.

Saturday 22.

Went up from Springville and put shot of about 75# off at approximately 1630 ft. Engr. Calculated the force lifted 25 tons of water abt. 30 ft. above the top of well.

Returned, leaving driller & crew to clean out hole.

Sunday 23:

Attended S.S. at Yale and visited kiddies.

Monday 24:

The day bef Christmas. Have done no shopping. Have been waiting for money from [illegible]

and in consequence, deferred putting on Assessment. Now we are in bad shape. Men in for Xmas. Have to give them some checks. Its tough to be a Mgr. & have to raise every Dollar of expense without other help than the Lord.

Distributed my gifts best I could and stayed at farm for the night.

Tuesday 25:

Quite mild day. Enjoyed the day. Got Dr. Shipp down to our home yesterday. He is recovering from a very serious sickness, but is able to be moved.

Wednesday 26:

Men reported the shot ruined the bit tools in the well. This means the hole is bridged for good. We have lost it. We must now try one higher up on the structure. Am preparing reports & recommendations.

Weather becoming very mild.

Thursday 1928.

Busy at office on reports and on finances.

Weather balmy.

Friday 28:

Held Board meeting. Directors endorsed my recommendations to abandon present hole in Diamond Fork and start new one higher up. Levied Asst. # 71. 1¢ per share.

Spring weather part of day. Some storm in morning.

Saturday 29:

Outlining work for Diamond with Behling, also working on stockholders letter

Sunday 30:

S. School at Yale. Home balance of day.

Monday 31:

Cleaning up old Year business.

Took wife Ellis, Joe, Ellis Jr. & Lewis to see Arliss in Merchant of Venice at

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Tuesday 1st.
Spent day at office and in consultation with Steinbeck on future drilling campaign.

Wednesday 2d.
Borrowed 2000^{00} from Bank for Company for temporary relief.
Got Behling & Buskirk off for Diamond to get correct location for well & bring the Cook back.
Snowing lightly.

Thursday 3:
Snowed all day.
Josephine started working at office yesterday 60^{00} per Mo. She got out about 45 letters first day.

Friday 4:
Weather moderated. Working on 1928 accounts.

Saturday 5:
Cold and clear.
Busy at office.
Joe doing good work.

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Sunday 6:
Made effort to move Grandma Shipps back to 1264 Yale, but she preferred to remain at 713 - 7th Ave.
Spent day entertaining Ellis Jr. and her chum, preparatory to her leaving for Mills tomorrow.
Very Cold.

Monday 7:
Got Ellis off on Pacific Limited train for Mills College, at 7 A.M.
Spent day with Robinette, seeking to get Virgin proposition adjusted.
Very Cold.

Tuesday 8:
Ordered steel derrick from Oklahoma 965.00. to be used at new well.
Met Topley & Collett in connection with lease on Virgin property. They declined to join Robinette on the matter.
Robinette came down from Ogden.

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Wednesday 9
Cancelled old contract with Virgin lessees, and renewed same with Robinette and associates. They will begin drilling immediately.

Thursday 10:
Moved Engineering Dept. into room 311 yesterday and now have a private office.
Busy at work at office.
Dr. Anderson says wife Mary has possible cancer and wants to treat her. I am thinking it over.

Friday 11:
Mary having X Ray pictures taken. Rose had one, so she must do likewise. Dr. A. A. Anderson in attendance.
Belling left for Greenriver to look over some tools.

Saturday 12:
At office
Got letter Thursday from Joseph Fielding Smith criticizing the for

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taking Sacrament. Outlined answer to him. I regret having to take issue with some of the Brethren, but one of us is wrong and this effort may decide which one is wrong.

Monday 14:

Working on financial matters.

Woolley still promising relief.

Took Wife Mary to L.D.S. Hospital. Suffered to have Colitis and ulcers of Stomach or rather on bowel attaching to stomach. She is in great pain.

Belling returned home from Greenriver.

Tuesday 15:

Busy at office. Got out stockholder letter.

Wednesday 16:

Spent day on finance. Woolley trying to come thru.

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Thursday 17:

Busy at office.

Friday 18:

Board meeting of Diamond Oil.

Made Belling Supt. Diamond Fk. operations at 250.00 Mo.

Got option stock fixed up. It has taken three years to sell 500,000 shares at specified prices, but had to buck every broker in the country, and also to manage affairs of Company.

Held meeting of Keeler shale interests with Collett, Murdock, Keeler, Bennion & Musser. Considered the fact the Secy. of Interior had reversed Gen. Land Commissioner in our favor fully vindicating us, after it had be advertised that we had tried to gyp the Government.

Saturday 19:

Got Belling loaded up to leave with Truck Monday. Fritz to go and Cook. Hales to go with team.

6" Snow fell during last night. Melting fast.

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Sunday 20:
Spent day at 1264 going over my papers; also at Farm. Took kiddies to Hospital to see their mother.

Monday 21:
Got ~~Bryl~~ Belling off with Truck for Diamond. Also Burdick with Cook-Fritz and supplies; also H. B. Hales with teams.

Tuesday 22:
Very Cold. Busy at office.

Wednesday 23:
Awful blizzard. Snowing heavy. Got out letter to Elder Jos. F. Smith Jr. answering his letter to me.

Thursday 24:
Extremely Cold. Working on Arizona Permits and stockholders.

Friday 25:
Moderating some. Working on finances.

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quite moderate. Busy at office.

Monday 28:
Turned off mild.
Working on Rock Creek structure getting Permits in shape.
Took up with Sven Woolley and Jno. E. Clark (separately) my correspondence with Jos. F. Smith, and received very high commendation from both.

Tuesday 29:
Thawing. Working on finances
Assessment coming in very slowly

Wednesday 30:
Got wife Mary out of Hospital and home. Can't see the Doctors have done her any good except to get her disgusted with hospital.
Car of Coal arrives at Diamond Store. Paid 95^{00} fgt.
Woolley still promising money. None in sight.

Thursday 31:
Left for St. George to see daughter

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Visit our oil field at Virgin Made Cedar. Much snow on the road, especially near Cove Fort, where it was piled up then a drift, Car high.

Friday February 1st
Visited Virgin. Went over locations for 10 Wells with Robinetts. One well now drilling. Much impressed with activity there.
Went to St. George. Spent P.M. with Ruth. She is gradually improving. Am pleased with her appearance.
Took supper with sister Blanche (Lewis) mother, Ruth and Alice Pendleton. Splendid time. Raining hard.

Saturday 2:
Started home with mother. Raining hard at St. George. Snowed up the road, especially heavy between Parowan and point of mountain. Mother stood trip well. Arrived home 9 P.M.

Sunday 3:
Resting with Lame back from riding and exposure to stormy weather.

Monday 4:
Busy at office.

Tuesday 5:
Prepared for meeting of stockholders tonight. 7 P.M. Hotel Utah.
About 50 present. Everything went off O.K. Old board re-elected excepted Rudger Clawson, Harden Bennion and A.O. Rhoebuck. These members wanted to be excused. Present Board:
John T. White, President.
Jos. R. Murdock.
J.M. Musser Vice Pres. & Gen. Mgr.
John Shewell Secy & Treas.
Joseph Belling Field Supt.
C.W. Buskirk
Edwin Thorne
E.C. Jensen
F.B. Fisher
Tom Billings, Asst. Secy.

Wife Mary not doing so well. Spent evening there.

Wednesday 6th:
Getting Belling outfitted for field. Also routine at office.

Thursday 7:
Belling left for Diamond in driving East wind and extremely cold. Instructed him to take no chances on the weather.

Friday 8:
Working at office.
Wife Mary in bad condition. Engaged Dr. Tyndale to look after case. Suffering all night

Saturday 9:
Got reply to my letter from Elder Joseph Fielding Smith. Its a stunner. We cant get together.
Heber Bennion told me of Apostle Orson Hyde in marital relations.
Am more convinced than ever, the Lord wants men and women to live

Sunday 10:
Joined Jno. T. Clark in meeting with Kimball, Olsen and Nelson, after which we left for farm and administered to Wife Mary. Had splendid time at the home and I feel she will now get well.

Monday 11:
Wife Mary much better.
Busy at office. Getting out delinquent list - a very long one.

Tuesday 12:
Laid up with Lumbago, at home
Office got out delinquent list.
Lincoln's Birthday. Closed office in P.M.
Outlined letter to Joseph Fielding Smith.

Wednesday 13:
Weather greatly modified.
Health improving.
Busy at office.

Monday 18:
Routine at office during day.
Wife Mary still bed-fast but improving.
Getting lined up for drilling operations on Rock Creek structure. Learn that Refinery man has been installed at Virgin, and Robinett was badly hurt.
Also getting stock campaign going on Ensign Oil Co.

Tuesday 19:
Getting off cards for prospective purchasers on Ensign Oil Co. stock.

Wednesday 20:
Mrs. Chealey from Virgin came in to get the White Permit at Virgin. Her husband is now drilling for Tapley at Grafton.
Working on Campaign to sell Ensign Oil Co. stock.

Friday 22
Washington's Birth-day. Spent time at 1264 Yale Cleaning up.

Saturday 23:
Getting out letters to enquiries of Ensign Oil Co.
Snowing.

Sunday 24
Warm and fair.
Wife Mary had new attack lasting all day and night. Administered Morphine with but poor results.
Grandma Shipp arrived home last night from Los Angeles. She, Richard Nellie & family, dined with us today.

Monday 25:
Ernest promised money today, but failed - Says tomorrow sure.
Heavy snow storm during night.
Working on financing of Company.
Wife Mary in bad shape. Gave her another Hypo to deaden the pain.

Tuesday 26:
Clear and Warmer.
Working on finances.
Took Sam, Loraine & Wife Ella to

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Wednesday 27:

Snow fell during night quite heavily. Day marked with terrible blizzards, snow and sunshine.

Lorin Woolley in office today and re-affirmed the conversation related to me, between himself and Pres. Smith about the non-mormon polygamist, whom Pres. S. stated would receive a greater exaltation than many L.D.S. who were not living the full law.

Thursday 28.

Clear and colder.

Worked on financing of Companies.

Friday Mar. 1:

Snowing part of day. Rained during night.

Working on financing of Companies.

Saturday 2

Working on finances

Sunday 3:

Attended prayer meeting at home

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Olsen and Nelson. John spoke very positively of his being chosen by the Lord to set the Church in order as outlined in the 85 Sec. D&C. While he appears to have unusual faith and power and is absolutely clean, I am yet unconvinced of his exact mission and am trying to keep an open mind on the subject. If the Lord has chosen him, he shall have my full support. For me it is the Kingdom of God or nothing, and I am trying to get the light and hold fast to it.

One sister dreamed that Pres. Heber J. Grant died during the coming April conference, and was so impressed with her dream she believes it points to coming events.

O Lord hasten, I pray thee, the time spoken of, that thy people will know whom to follow and what to do to get back into thy confidence. Take away the refuge of lies and dis-annul the Covenant of death and hell, that Zion may begin to grow and prosper and shine among nations.

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Monday 4:

Attended Inaugural exercises of Herbert Hoover over Radio from Washington. Heard entire proceedings, the first I have witnessed. A most wonderful experience.

Weather greatly modified.

Tuesday 5:

Regular Spring thaw. Streets on hill filled with water.

Belding got in from Diamond. Snow 4' deep on level at upper location.

Wednesday 6:

Directors meeting. Levied Asst. #22. 1¢. Getting out reports and working on finances.

Thursday 7:

Got Belding off for Diamond. Getting out assessment notices, letters to stockholders.

Warm weather.

Friday 8:

Wife Mary having bad spells again.

Got fire proof safe for Diamond Oil Co.

March 1929.

Saturday 9:

Wife Mary so much worse, took her to L.D.S. Hospital. Dr. favors an operation. Says she cannot stand present situation much longer. Operat. only remedy, but necessarily serious. Am not convinced. We will ask the Lord for help.

Getting out Asst. #22 to Stockholders.

Belding sent in old Cook ap. sick, and we wired for Mrs. Stewart at Blackfoot who leaves for Salt Lake tomorrow.

Impossible to get car up Diamond Canyon.

Sunday 10:

Took Jno. T. Clark, Olsen, Nielsen and H. C. Kimball to hospital to administer to Wife Mary. They made definite and glorious promises for return to health without operation.

We went down to Sister Beebe's and administered to her also dedicated her home to the Lord, 8 E. 7 So. Also administered to Clyde Nielsen's child.

Mar. 1929.

Thursday 14:
Wife Mary steadily improving thanks be to the Lord. Still at Hospital.
Working on land matters and finances.
Burkick took Mrs. Stewart out to Diamond on Tuesday. Left her at Bp. Hayes. Could not get up canyon.
Attended meeting with some of the boys at Sister Becks 8 S. 8 E.

Friday 15:
Govt. taking stand on Conservation matter. Permits threatened. Working on same.

Saturday 16:
Spent most day with Attorneys trying to fix up, Permit matter
Beautiful day.

Sunday 17:
Home. Bot horse for farm to complete team. Aunt Sarah Ellis Pearson dropped in for few
[illegible]

March 1929.

Monday 18:
Sent 150.00 to W. P. Slaugh at El Paso Texas, expense money to be used by him in Wyoming in getting oil lands for us. Jos. R. Murdock furnished part of cost & I balance 50-50.
Woolley still promising to settle up, but nothing substantial.

Tuesday 19:
Beautiful day. Cleaners started on home 1264 Yale.
Routine at office.

Wednesday 20:
Belling got in from camp. Reported roads impassible. Walked, 9 miles from Camp to Ry. Got casing out of well O.K. Now moving up canyon.

Thursday 21:
Finances & getting Belling fixed to go back.

Friday 22
Got Belling off for [illegible]

Saturday 23:
Heavy snow storm during night and practically all day.
Working on Permit data
Met with Directors of Smokeless Fuel Co. Was placed on Advisory Board. Mr. Hayes present. He is the inventor of the most successful process. I feel very much impressed with the Company's future.

Sunday 24:
Wife Ellis decided in a moment to go to San Francisco & left on 17:30 train. She is a wonder.

Monday 25:
Met with directors of Smokeless Fuel Co 8 AM. Joseph R. Murdock is President. He is bubbling over with enthusiasm. We raised 1000.00 to pay Hayes 1st installment.
Working on finances

Tuesday 26:
Spring weather.

their Diamond Fork lease without payment of money

Saturday 30:
Got Burkirk and son Milton off for Virgin to survey White Permit and to Arizona to stake Clawson, Billing and Billings permits, which have been issued.
Giving considerable attention to this Permit matter endeavoring to save the company's titles.

Sunday 31:
Spend day at home enjoying Easter atmosphere.

Monday Apr. 1st
Western Live Stock & Pecos Reservoir Co. moved out of Vermont Bldg into Temple & we took over the two rooms they were occupying, giving us 4 room. Subletting one and using three.
Working on financial matters.

April 1929.

Thursday 4:
Somewhat unwell. Striving to ward off threatened attack of flue or something.
Cutling returned from Coast.
Wife Ellis arrived from San Francisco on 7:50 P.M. train.
As usual she brought loads of presents for the children — clothing and splendid bath robe for me.
Began snowing during night.
Learnt that Mills College had offered Ellis Jr. scholarship and free room &c. if she could be persuaded to remain there another year.
Also Anna has been offered a $600= scholarship at Berkeley, U. of Cal. if she will stay.
The kids are making a pretty good record.

Friday 5:
Conference. One of the greatest blizzards I have seen, nearly all day. About 10" of snow fell during night.

April 1929

Saturday 6:
Snowing nearly all day.
Behling came to office.
Bertha got back from St. George on stage. Met her.

Sunday 7:
Attended conference at home via Radio. Pleasant day.

Monday 8:
Got Behling off for Diamond.
Took cousin Roberta Flake Clayton with wife Ellis, Mother and Aunt Eliese to see Broadway Melody at Paramount.

Tuesday 9:
Snow and blizzard. Fell about 9 inches during night.
Assisting Jacob F. Hill to get a loan.
Conference with N. G. Morgan on Spring Valley oil lands for Ensign Oil Co.

Wednesday 10:

April 1929.

Having old room renovated for Engr. Dept.

Thursday 11:

Working on Wyoming stuff and Diamond Oil Permits

Friday 12:

Held meeting with D.O.Co. directors and Ensign Oil Co. getting authorization to take on new lands in Wyoming. The Governments recent outrageous action in attempting to rob all people of their vested rights in Oil & Gas permits, has thrown a bomb shell into our camps, and we are doing all possible to recover from the shock.

Saturday 13:

Retained Senior & Senior as our Attorneys on land matters.

Completed negotiations on Wyoming lands. Put up drilling Bond 5000 = required by Government to drill in Spring Valley section on Govt. Permit.

April 1929.

Sunday 14:

Beautiful weather

Put up box for Blue birds to nest in - Hope they occupy it.

Attended S.S. at Yale. Was invited to occupy seat on the stand, not-withstanding objections of Bro. Joseph Fielding Smith.

Monday 15:

Arbor day. Let girls off 1/2 day. Worked in garden at home.

Working on oil lands matter.

Bebling started for Green River after tools.

Tuesday 16:

Negotiating with Bishop Leger for sale of Refinery. He wired me from St. George. Also getting fixed up on Wyoming lands.

Wednesday 17:

Received authority from Government to begin drilling on Wyoming Permit near Brigham Young Spring.

Working on land matters.

April 1929.

Thursday 18:
Rained some.
Working on Wyoming lands.

Saturday 20:
Rained all day yesterday.
Clear and cool today.
Working on Wyoming lands.
Bishoffberger in regarding Virgin lease. Wants to get Robinetts out or get out himself. It is his trouble, not mine.

Wrote Congressman Colton abt. Governments thieving policy on Permit question. The Government cannot steal from its people and prosper, any more than an individual can. The test of Democracy is now upon us. Will it endure much longer? Not unless men become righteous and live the law of God of "Love thy neighbor as thy self." For selfishness and Pride we will have to pay the price. We boast of controlling the money of the world. Our boasting will bring us disaster. We cannot exist

A third of the men of the earth will be slain! What horrible scenes will follow! Men will cry for the mountains to fall upon them to hide the scenes from their eyes and to end their sufferings! We are crying peace, but there shall be no peace until Wickedness ceases! War! War!! Awful War is coming to destroy all nations. Get out of debt. Get what capital you can and where it will be safe. Provide food stuff a year ahead – two years if possible. Stand in holy places and serve the Lord. This is the only salvation. The wicked will slay the wicked and Satan will rule over his own dominion – the fallen world. The more righteous will come to Zion for safety. The Saints must repent or they will be destroyed. God will send one "mighty and strong" to set His church in order and lead his people out of bondage. But many will apostatize and go down. Only the righteous will survive. What

April 1929.

Sunday 21:
Had Mrs. Annie Pike Greenwood for Dinner; a friend of wife Ellis. She is an entertaining soul.
Attended S.S. in University Ward with wife Ellis & Josephine.

Monday 22.
Raining and cold.
Employed Ruck @ 65¢ per hour to help get home in shape at 1264 Yale to sell.
Ordered 1700 ft. 3/4" Manila drilling cable @ 30¢ #. Wt. 1.9 # to foot - Lund Neo. - F.O.B. St. Louis.

Tuesday 23.
Raining all day.
Held meeting of Board of Ensign Oil Co. and took over 800 Acre Permit at Lyman, Wyo.

Wednesday 24
Raining all day.
Took over Permit on structure on Alkali Structure near Hiawatha - vicinity, for Ensign Oil Co. & made application of the Government for permission to operate.
We are working fast and strong on a shoe string, but looks like Ensign will be a big success.
Son Neil came in with his wife, from San Francisco; he is enroute East, Washington, DC. Same kid.

Thursday 25:
Sunshine promised - but rain came, making 8 consecutive days of rain, with Spring promised tomorrow.
Working on Wyoming lands matter - D.O.Co. stock sale
Behling came in yesterday from Diamond suffering with fever from Wood tick bite.

Friday 26:
Spring day.
Attended funeral of my friend Wm Spry in Tabernacle. He made good! Was the best Governor Utah has had.
Working on Ensign & Diamond Oil

April 1929.

Saturday 27:
Sent Geo. L. Brown of Granton, to Williard Flat to commence work on Well.
Left for Virgin and St. George 3:30 P.M. Lovely day.
Made Beaver 10 P.M.

Sunday 28:
Made Virgin 11 A.M. Took Robinette to St. George. Conference with Mr. Ross abt. purchase of Refinery. Visited Ruth & Blanche. Took Robinette back to Virgin. Returned to St. George. Stopped with Blanche.

Monday 29:
Left St. George 8:45 A.M. with Ruth, arriving home 6:45 Pleasant trip. Some weary. Traveled 742 Miles. Peas in blossom at St. George. Figs 1" long. Roses in bloom. Eating Radishes and Asparagus out of garden & flies a nuisance.
Ruth stood trip fine.

Tuesday 30.
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Learned that Don had undergone operation for hernia, in Los Angeles. Reported as improving.
Behling on sick list.
Working on finances for Diamond Oil Co.

May 1929.

Wednesday 1:
Pleasant day.
Behling off for Well.

Thursday 2:
Working on finances.
Warm and settled weather

Friday 3:
Congressman Colton got modification of order of Secy. of Interior, wherein an attempt was made to destroy the small oil operator. The modification will keep that situation in better form.
Consulting with Senior and Morgan. Helping to send Senior back to Washington.

May 1929

Saturday 4:
Busy at office most of day.

Sunday 5:
Snowing, raining and sunshine. Had to have fire in house all day.
Had Shipp family reunion at Yale home.
Wife Ellis trying to sell her large and palatial home on Yale, with a view to get in smaller place and save some expense. The Lord's will be accomplished.

Monday 6:
Got out affidavit in Permit case. Had up with Kent and his partner, matter of sale of Refinery at Virgin.
Got letters to prospects at Tooele and Grantsville – Abt. 60.

Tuesday 7:
Spent most of day conferring with Wilcox & McNiece regarding Wyo. holdings with a view to an

May 1929.

Wednesday 8:
Spent day considering Wyoming lands with McNiece and Wilcox.
Buskirk came in abt. 3 A.M. from Alkali Dome.
Had conference with Lorin C. Woolley on vital religious matters.

Thursday 9:
Working on Ensign Oil Matters. Woolley wants to take stock of Co. over and amalgamate it with Wilcox & Johnson.
Geo. Stainbrook got in from Oklahoma with tool dresser Johnson.

Friday 10:
Working with Woolley on Wyoming stuff.

Saturday 11:
Heard from Bebling on Diamond stuff. Ordered Stainbrook to go to Diamond in morning.
Working on Wyoming stuff.

THE CHURCH OF
JESUS CHRIST
OF LATTER-DAY
SAINTS

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30 April 1991

Brian C. Hales
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Dear Brother Hales:

In response to your recent request for a transcription of a line in the 14 May 1929 entry of Joseph W. Musser's diary, the line reads, "in his friendship and the Lord's blessing."

Sincerely,

Ronald O. Barney

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Archivist, Sr.

May 1929.

Sunday 12:
Attended Mothers day feature at Yale Ward S.S. and heard nothing of the program given by infants in a large and crowded congregation of noise and confusion.
Took Ruth & Bertha for ride. Also the Yale kids.

Monday 13:
Stock sale date.
Belling came in from Diamond.
Geo. Steinbrook and tool dresser left yesterday for camp.

Tuesday 14:
Wife Ellie on Radio trying to sell home.
Getting Belling fixed up to leave for camp tomorrow.
Very Warm. ORDAINE "HIGH PRIEST" APOSTLE
Received most wonderful blessing from Bro. Samuel C. Woolley. Spent 3½ hours with him listening to his past experiences. I rejoice greatly

IN HIS FRIENDSHIP AND THE LORDS BLESSING.

May 1929.

Vital points to be considered:
Patriarch
Apostle
Family ties - Sustain - Saved.
Great in Kingdom & Church.
Humble
Wise

Wednesday 15:
Working on finances.

Thursday 16:
Left for Spring Valley 7 A.M. with N. G. Morgan, Stiller Cunningham Burkirk driving in his car. Inspected land at Spring Valley and on Hilliard Flat, returning home 10 P.M.

Friday 17:
Getting ready for spudding in next Tuesday in Diamond Fork.
Announcement is made that Josephine has been awarded a Scholarship at Mills College, San Francisco, Cal. This is wonderful. Joe doesn't say much, but she thinks

May 1927.

Saturday 18:
Arranging for Spudding in at Diamond Fork on Tuesday.
Met Bischoflinger on way home from Virgin and took up new deal with him.

Sunday 19:
Spent day at home with folks at Yale's and at Farm.

Monday 20:
Spent day preparing for trip to Diamond Well tomorrow.
Took Ruth Stewell and Hal Larsen to Farmington to have them married. Bp. Cannon attended the ceremony. Blanche Stewell accompanied me.

Tuesday 21:
Left for Diamond well abt. 8:30 A.M. In my car Rudger Clawson & wife. Jos. R. Murdock, Tammie and daughter Josephine.
Found Camp in fine order.
Spudded in with 18" hole about 1 P.M. [illegible]

pictures of scene.
About 50 people present.
All went off without mishap.
Bastick explained the geology and drilling operations.
Everyone present seemed impressed with the situation. It looks like success now.
Arrived home 5:30 P.M.

Wednesday 22:
Working on news paper items, letters to stockholders and finances.
Held Board meeting. Levied Asst. 23 1¢. Also took action permitting Robinette to assign his lease at Virgin to Don L. Francis, Los Angeles, upon written promise of Francis to spend some money and place property on paying basis.

Thursday 23:
Very Warm.
Working on finances.
Letters to stockholders Asst. # 23 out. Also news articles.

Friday 24:
Sent Buskirk to Diamond to inspect work.
70 ft. Fishing for Bailer. Well caving. Boys feeling fine.

Saturday 25:
Belding went to Greenriver for more 15½" casing etc. Caving condition of well. Wired authority to him.
Consulted with Benn about Spring Valley stuff. Also Texas Production Co. on Alkali Dome, Also Holohan on Lost Soldier land Also Buskirk on various locations.
Got stockholders letters in mail.
Day dark, cloudy and threatening storm.
Gas people putting main along building front, for Baxter Basin natural gas. A fearful noise and commotion.

Sunday 26:
Snowed. Very cool. Took Ruth & Bertha

Monday 27:
Clear & cool.
Conference with Senior abt Permits. Also Holohan in Lost Soldier field. Also Collett, who says his men will not play on Arizona stuff.

Tuesday 28:
Got out titles for film on spudding in. Working on advertising matter D. O. Co.
Speaking of our efforts in developing the oil resources of Utah, Mr. A. E. Venton of Monrovia, Cal. in a letter says:
"It appears to me that some of you fellows are filling the role of the superman and I would like to see the Legislature of Utah make a grant to your Company of 50,000.00 for future development purposes. It is certainly worth it to the State xxx Utah will ~~recognize~~ realize some day that the men who are making Utah's history must be reckoned as the Pioneers of its future oil industry and the State will have the unpleasant experience of a neutral attitude — of 'letting George do it.' xxx I believe your splendid determination which has been a beacon light for your

associates — will ever top the grade triumphant, because nothing can resist that kind of integrity — not the evil one himself."

Wednesday 29:

Getting letters out to stockholders, about Spudding in film. Also Subscribers for Salt Lake Mining & Legal News. Consulting with Senior on affidavits for Secy. of Interior.

Thursday 30:

Decoration Day. Everybody putting flowers on graves. Chinamen puts rice on. This happens once each year. The theory seems to be that the dead come back with their rocking chairs, once each year, sit there watching foolish people march up, place flowers on the grave and have to have a "good" time. The florists have commercialized the day. They sell the flowers which are placed on the graves. Thieves come along and swipe them and sell them over. When they are again placed on graves and [illegible]

be swiped again and sold.

What a Pagan Mockery! Why set apart one day in 365 to remember the dead? Why not remember them always for their good deeds and see them active and useful at all times, rather than rush in uncontrolled herds to the cemetery to place flowers on their worm eaten bodies? Custom is tenacious. Ask 100 people as you meet them, "Why the flowers on decoration day?" They will answer almost to a man — "Why it's decoration day"? and that is the sum and substance of the whole affair. We do it today because they did it a thousand years ago. No sense, No rhyme — No reason, — but it is a custom and that ends the argument.

Friday 31:

Milton graduated from L.D.S. College. Attended proceedings. My first son to graduate from High School.

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Saturday 1:
Boys report having hard time fighting gravel. Hole down 100 ft.
Worked at home in P.M. fixing water system.

Sunday 2:
Day with my kiddies.

Monday 3:
Milton began work for Utah Gas & Coke Co. @ $60.00.

Tuesday 4:
Spent day with Don L. Francis & Mr. McCartney, A. W. Palmetto, Sheeley & Bishoflerger, getting Virgin oil lease in shape. Looks now as if something is doing. They have ordered a car load of supplies for the field.

Wednesday 5:
Bebling and Gus Stambrook came in, the latter for his car which was not finished and Burdick took him back out.

Got out News Article for S. L. Mining & Legal News & Western Mineral Survey. Had conference with Geo. C. Brown and N. G. Morgan on Spring Valley section.

Thursday 6:
Cool. Nights are too cool for garden stuff. Weather most peculiar.
Working on legal matter – Permits, Ensign Oil &c.
Attended field day exercises of City Schools at Park. Sam's bunch he leader, Uintah School, beat in foot race – re-lay.
Took Ruth down to farm for few days.

Friday 7:
Boys struggling with well at 150 ft. Drilled 11 ft 17½" hole. Then filled up and started straight reaming.
Struggling with finances here.
Got re-assignment of Arizona Permits from R. S. Collett.

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Saturday 8:
Geo Steinbeck came in for his car. Billings phoned that Childers and Taylor had blown in. We wired Ode Rowland of Owasso, Oklahoma to come out with tool dresser.

Sunday 9:
Attended M.I.A. Conference with Wife Ellis, Milton, Lucile & Samuel, in morning at Tabernacle.
Had Mrs. Greenwood, Nellie Olea, Grandma Shipp & Richard to dinner.

Monday 10.
Rustling money for pay roll. Tool dresser Taylor came in for his salary. He quit.

Tuesday 11:
Had conference with Hicks of Security Commission on Ensign Oil Co. N. G. Morgan accompanied me.

June 1929.

Took folks to Ogden where we met daughter Ellis on 6:30 P.M. train from San Francisco - Mills College. She comes to marry. Feels fine. Wonderful girl.

Wednesday 12.
Billings reported hole at Diamond (No. 2 Buskirk) down 745 ft. with good showing of oil at 735. This news is very re-assuring.
Working with Morgan on report of Ensign Oil Co. to Securities Commission.
Last few days very cool. Rain on Monday. Today warming up.

Thursday 13:
Buskirk returned from Wyoming on Ensign Oil Co. business

Friday 14:
Daughter Bertha was visiting on City Creek, near Memory Grove about 9:30 AM. studying bird life &c. when she was brutally attacked by a fiend in human

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In the struggle, she was frightfully bruised, stunned and thrown in the raging stream to drown. The Lord didn't forsake her. She drug herself out of the stream up a steep embankment where she swooned, and was found by a Mr. Worthington - unconscious. She was taken to the Emergency Hospital, and upon regaining her mind, told the experience, and a search is being made for the fiend. She will recover. It was a most distressing experience. O, God, why does such a sweet, pure, gentle, modest and grand spirit have to pass thru such an experience? She is among thy choicest daughters. Her every act has been in harmony with thy plans. As mortal life can be - she is perfect - Then why such an outrage? I know, dear Lord that thou art just. I will trust thee in all things. Bertha is thy daughter - she was only loaned to us. And yet, Oh how we love her and cherish her presence with us.

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Only six months or more ago, little June Nelson was attacked, killed and her body thrown into a ditch in the western part of the city. A hue and cry was raised and a net was spread for the murderer. Search was finally abandoned, however, and the slayer of the innocent 12-year-old child is still at large.

Salt Lake has recently enlarged its police force and it does seem as though many such horrible crimes could be prevented by rounding up criminals of all kinds and driving them from the city.

The women and girls of Salt Lake need better protection and more officers should be detailed for the work. In the meantime, let the hunt for the man who committed the dastardly crime in City Creek canyon Friday continue until he is finally run down and punished according to his desserts.

This is a case which should not only engage the undivided attention of all the officers of the law, but also the attention of all the able-bodied citizens of this city and county who are in duty bound to protect their mothers, wives and girls.

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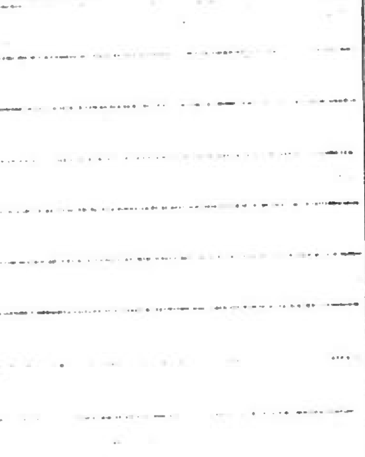

Canyon Victim

Degenerate Leaps on S. L Teacher as She Takes Hike in Canyon

MURDER ATTEMPTED

Clothing of Victim Torn to Shreds

Every available police officer is searching the city for a degenerate who attempted to assault and murder Miss Bertha Musser, 24, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Musser of the Kensington apartments and a teacher at the Hamilton school, in City Creek canyon about 9:45 o'clock Friday morning.

The girl was studying botany and bird life and had strolled almost to Memory park when a man leaped upon her, struck her over the head, attempted to assault her, and then dragged her several yards to the creek, where he held her head under the water until he believed she was drowned.

TAKEN TO HOSPITAL

John Worthington of the Linden hotel saw the girl lying unconscious by the creek bank about 10:30 o'clock. He realized the situation at once and notified Robert S. Slater of the park department, who took the girl to the emergency hospital in his machine and gave the alarm to the police.

Later, when the girl regained consciousness, she furnished the following description of her assailant: A man of about 28 years of age, dark complexion, 5 feet 6 inches in height. She said he wore a blue suit, a light-colored soft shirt and a felt hat.

"I believe he will have teeth marks on his fingers," said the girl. "I bit him as hard as I could. The cold water was terrible. No one knows how much water they can drink until they have to."

SUFFERS BRUISES

According to physicians, the girl suffered a laceration on the forehead which required a stitch to close, and severe bruises about her legs and body. They said that the cold water in which she lay for some time did her the most harm through shock.

"Bertha left home about 9:15 o'clock," said Mrs. Musser. "I had asked her if she did not think it was dangerous to walk alone, but she said that there was nothing to fear in Salt Lake.

"She was a great lover of nature

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be done. We do thank thee, O, Lord for her deliverance and we pray that her body and spirit – her soul – may be completely healed, and to thee shall be given the honor and glory forever.
Amen.

Saturday 15.
The new drillers arrived from Oklahoma. Ode Rowland and tool dresser Fiske. Belding came in and took them out.
Sent Buskirk to Rock Springs to meet Mr. Hicks of Utah Securities Com. to show him our land at Alkali Desert for Ensign Oil Co.

Dear Bertha showed improvement this morning and during day. She shows a stoicism that is marvelous. I am beginning to realize that she is more of heaven than of earth. She is almost wholly divine. There is only enough mortal in her, to keep her on this earth.
God be thanked for her.
Jno. C. Howard, married for the

June 1929.

Sunday 16:
Tremendous rain accompanied by high wind storm, doing considerable damage, but more good.
Spent day with Ruth and Bertha, the latter improving wonderfully under the benign blessings of Father.
Ellis Lund making up her "Memory" book.

Monday 17:
Bertha greatly improved and cheerful.
Negotiating with Brown for 160 Acres at Spring Valley surrounded by production.

Tuesday 18:
Tribune this morning carried notice of burial today of "Bertha Messer." It should have read "Mercer." It beats the dutch how mistakes happen to annoy those who are most sensitive to such.
Buskirk returned last night from Rock Springs. Successful trip.
Working on deal with Brown for

June 1929.

Had up with Senior Miller permit at Antelope Anticline. Ariz.
Took daughters Bertha and Gertrude up to Rotary Park for auto. ride.
Bertha nearly normal again.

Wednesday 19:
Bertha went to Ogden with Officer Clayton to identify a man. She failed in identifying him.
Working on Diamond stuff with Senior and Ensign stuff with Morgan.

Thursday 20:
Warming up.
Held Board meeting with Ensign Oil Co. to pass formal resolutions.
Checked over with Buskirk Inventory of Virgin plant, taken May 1928.

Friday 21:
Sent Buskirk to Diamond.
Reported setting 12½" Casing at 325 ft. Need Coal.
Got Permit to sell stock in Ensign Oil Co. Regular terms.

June 1929.

Had "get acquainted" meeting of our daughters, at Aunt Mamie's at Farm. Present: Ruth, Bertha Gertrude, Mary, Naomi Blanche Priscilla, Helen, Ellis J. Josephine and Lucile: Also Wives Mary and Ellis, Sons, Guy, Milton and Sam, and 5 Grand-children.

Had most enjoyable time. Strawberries and ice cream plate luncheon.

Union Pacific "old timers" began convention in Salt Lake today with enormous parade.

Very Warm.

Saturday 22:

Ordered Car of coal for Diamond.

Closed up contract with Geo. L. Brown for 160 acre plot at Spring Valley, Wyo. Two small wells in land. 44° Oil.

Left 3 P.M. with Wife Ellis and all the "kids" for Bear Lake, arriving Ideal Beach about 7:^{30} P.M. 130 miles.

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Sunday 23:

Kiddies spent morning swimming and getting up tan. Left 1. P.M. home by way Randolph, Evanston, Coalville &c. Abt. 140 Miles - 6 P.M. Very enjoyable time, and probably the last of such a trip where all five children will be together, for at least some time to come, since Ellis contemplates marriage and Washington and Jos. is booked for Mills College.

Snow on mountain sides at Bear Lake. In fact a detour near the divide was necessary on acc of deep snow drift on the lake side of the divide over Logan Canyon.

Monday 24

Tanna returned to office after week's vacation, getting married.

Belling bros. truck down for repairs.

Working on Ensign Oil Co. matters

Tuesday 25:

Working on finances of D.O.Co.

Francis R. Kirkham Jr. arrived from Washington D.C. to claim hand of daughter Ellis in Marriage. Ideal match.

Wife Ellis debarred from privilege of Temple to see her daughter married. The Church accepts her tithing and offerings and uses her children, but deny her the natural rights of a member. Those responsible for such an injustice will be called on to pay the penalty by the Judge of all. Such an outrage cannot pass the Lord unnoticed.

"Hear the word of the Lord, ye that tremble at his word; your brethren that hated, that cast you out for my name's sake, said, Let the Lord be glorified: but he shall appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed."

— Isaiah.

Wednesday 26:

Getting out News items. Behling left with truck for camp.

Matters up with Ernest Woolley.

Had talk with Lauren in my office.

Thursday 27:

Left 6:30 with Buskirk and Stewell in my car for Wyoming. Picked Geo. L. Brown up at Evanston. Examined Brigham Young oil Spring and Carter Oil Spring. Hilliard Well and recently spudded in Oyster Ridge. Ryan and McConnelly Well and Geo. Brown lease. Bailed oil from two wells on his lease.

Spent night at Evanston.

Friday 28:

Left with Buskirk and Stewell at 7 A.M. for Alkali Dome via Rock Springs, Baxter Basin & arriving at Dome abt. 3 P.M. Took snaps of Prairie Oil & Gas Co. Well. Saw of gas wells at Hiawatha to the South and inspected our land in Secs. 7&2. Looks good. Roads out of Rock Springs bad — 10 to 15 miles per hour made. Saw 5 Elk, one eagle, 5 sage hens and a Badger.

Got back to Rock Springs about 8 P.M. [illegible]

June 1929.

Had long talk with Thos. A. James & invited him in with me.
Shewell indisposed.

Saturday 29:
Left Rock Springs 7:10 A.M. arriving in Salt Lake, via Evanston 1:30 P.M.
Bidding in the A.M. for casing for Diamond Well.
Near Evanston saw Pioneer Monument stating Pioneers passed there July 12. 1847. It took them 12 days to reach Salt Lake Valley to arrive on 24. We made it by auto in 7: hours and 30 minutes. Air Craft can make it in less that hour, instead of 288 hours which it took pioneers.

Sunday 30:
Went to Diamond Well 6 A.M. Boys casing well for water shut-off at 383 ft. 17½" casing. Took wife Ellie & family.

July 1929.

Monday July 1:
Awfully hot.
Getting up details for Ensign Oil Co.

Tuesday 2:
Son born to daughter Naomi at abt. 10 P.M. last night. All doing well. This is my 11th Grand-child - 19 children. All living with most splendid promise for the future.
Working on Ensign Oil Co.
Shut off of water reported at Diamond and hit 430 ft.
Buckirk and Shewell there.

Wednesday 3:
Working on Ensign Oil Co. money matters and trying to keep cool.

Thursday 4:
Sent out 7 lengths 17½" casing.
Got another strata water @ 425 ft. at Diamond.
Spent forenoon in office working on Adv. matter. Home P.M.

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Friday 5:

Bertha left with Dr. Tyndale and family for Los Angeles Via Auto for vacation trip.

Took Spaugh & Buskirk to Diamond. Found casing parted as it was being pulled (12 1/2") 5 lengths in well.

Spaugh read with machine and claims this last water to 1396 ft. Get line to make formation shut off is abt. 50 2 ft.

Saturday 6:

Routine at office A.M.

Left at 5 P.M. with daughters Ellis & Lucile, - Son Milton, Francis R. and Grant Kirkham for Timpanogos hike. Drove 41 Miles to Community camp. Rested, eat and started hike up trail at 11 P.M. with flash lights. Snow drifts along trail obliterated same so as to make it very difficult to follow. After 4 hours of hiking Lucile, who was "all in" and I dropped out "by the way side," made a big fire and watched the glories of the rising sun. The mountains were unexpectedly grand. Birds and

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trip at 6:30 A.M. reaching camp at 8:15 ready for a snooze.

Ellis & Fran fell out at the foot of the high side as their flash light had given out and they lost the trail. Milton and Grant made the Summit. They were certainly all in when they got back. It was a great trip and one I expect to repeat and finish.

Reached home 1:30 P.M. Sunday. Spent balance day resting and visiting with family.

Monday 8:

Working on finances Ensign Oil Co. Conference with J. S. F. McClellan salesmen.

Tuesday 9:

Daughter Ellis (19) married to Francis Robinson Kirkham, by Apostle McKay in Salt Lake Temple.

Groom's Father - Francis Washington Kirkh

Mother Martha Alzina

Born - Fillmore Aug. 23 - 1904.

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Couple left on 5:45 P.M. - U. P. train for Washington D.C. where the husband is a law student and working for a law firm.

All went off in good shape and we feel to praise the Lord for the substantial stuff comprising the husband of our daughter. She is a good, sweet girl and deserves the best. They wisely wanted no gaudy receptions. Everything was simple.

Tribune 7-10-29

Miss Ellis Musser Becomes Bride of Francis R. Kirkham

The marriage of Miss Ellis Musser and Francis R. Kirkham took place Tuesday at high noon in the Salt Lake temple, the ceremony being performed by David O. McKay. A wedding breakfast followed at the home of the bride's parents on Yale avenue for the members of the two families. The bride was charming in a smart afternoon gown of shell pink chiffon and lace and she carried a shower of bride roses and lilies of the valley. The attendants were Miss Josephine Musser and Miss Lucile Musser, sisters of the bride. They were frocked in summery gowns of chiffon in shades of pink and apricot and carried bouquets of butterfly sweet peas to match their frocks. The guests were seated at one long table that held for a centerpiece a silver basket filled with pink rosebuds and lilies of the valley and at either end of the table were silver candlesticks that held rose pink princess candles. The couple left at 5:30 for Washington, D. C., where they will make their home for the present. The bride wore an attractive going-away ensemble of French blue crepe with hat and accessories to match.

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Wednesday 10:
Board meeting of Ensign Oil Co.
Prest. authorized to proceed with Adv. campaign to sell stock.
Spent day outlining same.

Thursday 11:
Working on finances.
Attended funeral of son of Annie & Jean Spencer, who died in Idaho, and was brot to Mill Creek for burial.
Family reunion after.
Raised Wm H. Hill 75.00 to assist him to Idaho, off the Mill Creek farm.

Friday 12:
Buchik to Diamond.
I, working on finances Ensign Oil Co.

Saturday 13:
Working on finances at office.
Attended family reunion at farm. Eating proposition, at noon.
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Sunday 14:
Indulged in unusual luxury by staying home all day resting and perspiring with heat.
Lucile left for Brighton with one of neighbor family for few days outing.

Monday 15:
Hottest day so far. Working on finances. Got off papers to Washington on Marshall Permit Spring Valley.

Tuesday 16:
Sent Geo. S. Brown to Cresent to inspect Nat. Drilling Machine and casing.
Working on advertising matter.
Spent evening at Layton with farm family and Cache Valley Relatives. But few present.
5 to 7 P.M. heavy rain storm in Salt Lake - none as far North as Layton.

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Wednesday 17:
Very hot.
Working on Adv. for Ensign Oil Co.
Took wife, Ellis & kids to Salt-Air.
Sam's first duck in the Lake. He got a dose of Salt.

Thursday 18:
Preparing Ads. for Ensign Oil.
Selected full page in Sunday Tribune.
Took wife May & kids to see - "The last of Mrs. Cheney at Pantages.
Good.
Jos. Leslie Broadbent tried and disfellowshipped for compiling a book bearing on Plural Marriage and for encouraging the practice of same by publishing and circulating the book.

Friday 19:
Went to Ogden with Mr. Callan on Ensign Oil Co. Failed in getting money we were after.
Got ad in Tribune & paid them 350^{00} for page.
Lucile came back from Brighton.

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Saturday 20:

Working on Ensign Oil Co. Bailing in 6 5/8 stem welded. Well 530 ft. yesterday noon. Water in hole. Found lime where Spaugh said it would.

Sunday 21:

S. School at Yale.

Took Ruth and Farm kids for ride

Met Miss Louise Adams of DeKalb, Ill, 322 College Ave. Old time Columbia N.Y. University Chum of Wife Ellis. Took she and wife and children for long Auto ride.

Monday 22:

Answering inquiries on Ensign Oil from full page ad in Tribune Yesterday. Some money Came in. Also arranged for England Diamond Drill Machine for an Wyoming undertaking.

Helped to settle family difficulty in home of H. C. Kimball. Gave

blessing, which caused my frame to tremble with the power thereof. Bro. Kimball felt likewise. She is troubled concerning plural Marriage.

Tuesday 23:

Very busy at office on Ensign Oil matter. Also getting ready for Birthday doings for Wife Ellis tomorrow on her 50th Year.

Wednesday 24:

Pioneer day. Celebrated 50th anniversary of my dear wife Ellis' birth. She has proven a wonder in the world, and a woman any man would be most proud to have as a companion.

We held "open house," and notwithstanding it was a holiday and frightfully hot, about fifty people called in to extend greetings. It was a very pleasant occasion.

Thursday 25:

Buskirk reached home from

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Closed up with Egleson for use of his drilling outfit in our Wyoming fields.

McClellan & Ridenour went to Rock Springs to sell stock.

Working on finances of Ensign Oil Co.

Friday 26:

Ruth's birthday. Celebrated it at farm. Thru the blessings of the Lord she appears to be gaining ground. Mother, Gertrude and Alice Pendleton were present.

Working on finances of Ensign Oil Co. Guy cutting 1st crop hay.

Saturday 27

Buskirk and Egleson left for Big Piney, Wyo. to inspect drilling outfit.

Bertha returned from California trip yesterday.

Went to Ogden this P.M. with ad for Ogden Standard.

Rained heavy in Diamond Canyon.

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Sunday 28:

Went to Diamond Well and took Steinbrook. 760 ft. and making favorable time.

Monday 29:

At office. McClellan arranging go back to Evanston to sell stock.

Applied for and was examined for 5000.00 life Ins. by New York Life. Dr. said O.K.

Sam and his chum Barney gave 5 (or 6) act show at home, charging 5¢ admission. I attended.

Joe passed in her French Studies with B—. She did good work.

Tuesday 30:

Buskirk got back last night from Big Piney. Having him work out Engr. report.

Follow up letters for Ensign Oil Co. Nice showers.

Wednesday 31:

Took friend Shewell and Miss

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married. They are as two kids with a new toy.

Working on finances.

Thursday Aug. 1:

Working on finances.

Hale, a new driller came down from Wyoming to take Rowland's place.

Friday 2nd

Sent Hale up. Buckirk reports roads badly washed out by recent storms. Another crevice hole giving trouble

~~Friday~~ Saturday 3rd.

Got off two letters on Ensign Oil Co.

Took Ruth to Pine Crest to spend a week for her health.

Wife Mary went to Mendon with Judge & Mrs. Greenwood for two day visit.

Sunday 4:

Spent day at home reading Church History around the 1835 period when

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struggle in finances and otherwise. When I think of his day and his struggle and compare the same with present day conditions, I am lead to wonder how we as a people actually stand with the Lord. We are not "loving our neighbors as ourselves". Far from it. Each man for himself. There seems to be no charity — no humanity. The poor are trodden on and the rich live in the pride of their hearts and the poor have bitterness in their hearts. It would seem one "mighty and strong" is necessary to set the Church in order, for it certainly is out of order now.

Milton took ride in Air-plane. I took Samuel, Joe and Lucile up the hill to the big U — University of Utah. Drove car to foot of same.

Had cloud burst about 7:30 P.M. causing much grief in canyons and on Ogden road.

Monday 5:

Held Board meetings of Ensign Oil Co. and of Diamond of stock for Ensign and a loan at Bank and another Assessment for Diamond Oil Co.

Getting out sales literature for Ensign Oil Co.

Tuesday 6:

Got Kelling off. Got printing started for new Ensign Oil Co. stock Sale. Spent two hours in evening reading Church History, of time in 1836 when the Prophet and other leaders were receiving anointings before dedication of the temple at Kirtland. It was a time of spiritual feasts. Visions, tongues, love and unity! O, why can't we have some of those blessings now? It would appear the heavens are closed against us.

Wednesday 7:

Working on Ensign Oil Co. literature.

Thursday 8:

Working on finances of Ensign

Friday 9:

Went to Evanston, Wyo. to get Brown started on new financial plan. Got several people interested.

Saturday 10.

Returned to office and cleaned up desk.

Went to Pine Crest in evening to spend evening with Ruth. Stayed for the night.

Sunday 11:

Finished 2d Vol. Church History and started on 3d. Could not realize a history could be so interesting.

Came to City and took wife Rose and Miss Pendleton out to Pine Crest to see Ruth. Ate dinner there, returning to City at night.

Monday 12:

Working hard at office on Ensign Oil Co. literature.

Ordered 1000 ft. drilling line thru S. Lake Hdw. Co.

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Tuesday 13:
Busy at office on literature for E. Oil Co.
Took Samuel and Joe to see "Thunder" - Lon Chaney, at Pan. A most excellent show.
Bettling phoned hole still crooked, and need sand line.
Extremely hot.
Reading 3rd Vol. Church History.

Wednesday 14:
Robinette came in on way home to Long Beach and discussed going into Wyoming to work on production.
Arranged to send Burkett and Spangh to do some work in Spring Valley field - testing for oil.

Thursday 15.
Sent Burkett and Spangh into Spring Valley to locate drilling places with Radio Cameraphone.
Unusually hot.
Working in office getting mail out for money.

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Friday 16:
Frightfully hot. Somewhat ill.
Got about 100 letters in mail for Ensign Oil Co. after money.

Saturday 17:
Busy at office.
Went up to Pine Crest in evening and brot. Ruth home to Farm.
Quite a storm.
Opening ceremonies of Natural Gas entry into Salt Lake, took place beginning at 7:30 P.M. at Sunnyside Reservoir.

Sunday 18: her mother
Took Wife, Ellis, Joe, Lowell and Sam to Provo to Aunt Clara's, and Uncle Rae, Sam and the girls to Diamond Well. Had set 10" casing and were drilling at abt. 830 ft.
Soon after we left Canyon a cloud burst played havoc with roads. We got in tail end of it going out of Provo.

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Monday 19:
Stainbrook came down and reported all O.K.
In conference with Buskirk and Spaugh on Wyoming properties. Also the Morgans and Senior firm of Lawyers.

Tuesday 20
Had Spaugh down explaining his machine to N. G. Morgan. He wants to get in and work with us.
Entertained Josephine & her friends Tana, Sally Connor and sister Blanche, at dinner after work and at Pantages. Splendid time
A most unusual electrical storm during night, considerable rain and much thunder

Wednesday 21:
Took wife Ellis to Sp. Fork at noon to get home help. Spent morning on affairs of Company.

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Thursday 22:
Dreadfully hot.
Conference with Spaugh on Radio machine.
Got out Asst. # 24 in mail.
Spent evening preaching the Gospel to my farm family

Friday 23.
Spent day in office working on finances of the two Companies. Its a great job - if one doesn't weaken.
Buskirk went to Soldier Summit on geological quest.

Saturday 24:
Met Spaugh and agreed to make effort to finance him on 50-50 basis, I to have Mgr. of concession.
Took wife Ellis, Sam & Lucile to show - "China bound."

Sunday 25:
Spent day pleasantly at home. With Company. Had Jno. T. Clark and

Aunt Olea's girl-Mary, who has been injured by a horse.
Keeps frightfully hot and sultry.

Monday 26:
Buskirk went to Diamond and took Stainbrook.
Got out batch sales letters for Diamond Oil prospects.
Spent part of day at Liberty Park with Sam and Lucile, getting away from office awhile.

Tuesday 27:
Buskirk reported well 890 ft. Stopped to shut off water.
Discussed Spaugh matter with several people & Spaugh.
Took Ruth to Dentist.

Wednesday 28:
Busy at office.

Thursday 29:
Held Board meeting of Diamond Oil Co. and Ensign Oil Co. and discussed advisability of placing

Spaugh on our Engineering force.
After a long discussion decided to use Spaugh between the two Companies and the Mgr. was authorized to go ahead.
Still very warm and sultry.

Friday 30:
Behling came down from Diamond, & reports still trying to shut off water
Needs a truck.
Went to Ogden - took Sherrill - to see some of our Bond holders and placate them.
Tremendously hot.

Saturday 31:
Busy at office.
Arranged to leave for Wyoming tomorrow with Buskirk and Spaugh.

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Sunday 1:
Met Simmons from Virgin who has bot interest of Francis in our Refinery. Agreed to recommend a new lease to him or sale of property for $30,000.00

Left with Buckirk at 10:30 picked Spaugh up at Ogden and made Rock Springs, Wyo. on oil investigating tour.

Monday 2:
Visited Salt Creek and Tea Pot Dome, passing by Lost Soldier and Poison Spider, stopping at Casper for night. Quite a squally storm at night.

Met brother Ball at Casper and spent part of evening with him.

The oil tank farms, Refinery and town of Casper were revelations to me, as was also the forest of 2700 wells at Salt Creek, belonging in the main to the Mid-West Oil & Ref Co. I remember how I could have purchased their stock about 10 years ago or less at

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The only two towns in Wyoming up to date are Parco near Rawlins and Casper, and these are oil towns and made as a result of oil.

Tuesday 3:

Left Casper for Sand Creek field passing thru Big Muddy. Sand C. has about 74 Wells. A Carbon black plant and considerable activity. We were promised the support of the people if we enter.

Rained practically all day. Very Cold. Stayed at Casper at night.

Wednesday 4:

Raining. Left Casper for home. Road washed out near Wamsutter, also in Echo Canyon. Left Burchick and Spaugh at Evanston & rode in with Barr arriving at midnight.

The trip was highly successful educationally, and there are great possibilities in the plans we are perfecting.

Traveled 1400 Miles

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Thursday 5.

Spent day at office.

Wife Ellis sick with bad back.

Heavy rain storm during night

Purchased 2 cord box Elder wood and load kindling for grate in parlor $38.00.

Looking at home for Wife Rose.

Friday 6:

Behling came in for Truck parts.

Dear, sweet Ruth had 10 - all her upper teeth pulled. She stood the ordeal splendidly. This is her 9th Operation. Poor kid. It would seem the devil is trying to prevent her accomplishing an important mission in the earth. She is a wonderful spirit.

Trying to get a home for wife Rose & kiddies.

Helping to get wife Ellis & Joe off for Mill tomorrow.

Going to Murray after lawn Mower for wife May.

Working in office for bread and butter for all my kiddies and Yet May says I am not

I could not listen to her complaint, for fear of exploding. Steel, no matter how well tempered, will break under strain. I am strained to the limit. Women who prefer storms can hardly expect to bask in eternal sunshine.

But all will come out in the wash.

Saturday 7:

Got Wife Ellis & Joe off for Mills College, Calif. on 9:10 A.M. train. Joe looked wonderful and is wonderful. The first fruit of our love, she is responding splendidly to the affairs of life and is most considerate

Ellis has gone to assist Joe in getting settled and to help her physical condition.

Got Belling off for Diamond - Conference with N. G. Morgan on Ensign Oil matter. Preparing maps and reports to send to Washington on Permit matters.

Looking for a home for

Sunday 8:

Spent day at home. Milton Sam to S.S. I spent most of day reading Church history Vol. 3. Read of escape of the Prophet Joseph Smith from Liberty Jail, Mo. and the dastardly populace of that section. One could hardly imagine that in the 19th Century, where civilization is supposed to exist, such murderously wicked, and lecherous people existing, and sustained and ~~&~~ upheld and encouraged in their diabolical crimes against innocent people by State and National Governments. Surely the Lord cannot withhold his hand much longer from wiping wickedness from the earth.

Picked a nice lot of grapes off our Yule ave. vines.

Monday 9:

Busy at office on financial matters.

Bot home of A. E. Hurd - 186 I. St. 3000.00 - paying bal at 800.00 bal from [illegible] & Bal. in monthly payments

This place is for wife Rose and family. It was her selection. It is an old residence but comfortable.

Tuesday 10:
Attended Court at Riverton to testify for H. C. Kimball where he was arrested for taking hay belonging to him off his own farm. It is funny how contrary things go.
Had Spaugh in office

Wednesday 11:
Took up Permit matter with Atty. Simms.
Took Ruth to Dr. to have stitches taken out of gums.
Talked to Howell about Spaugh Syndicate.
Arranged with Bank for temporary over-draft.

Thursday 12:
Spaugh matter - taking up with Morgan - Spaugh in office.
Agreed with Mrs. Forman to turn her Permit back on 1/2 % ore Royalty
[illegible]

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Talked with Simms - phone - San Francisco, about sale of Virgin property. Offered it at 30,000.
Belling in to trade for a new truck.
Weather warming up again.

Friday 13:
Sent Buskirk out to well - Diamond in place of Belling, here looking for Truck.
Dodging creditors until some money comes in, to pay bills.
Letter from Robinette, abt. Virgin Refinery - Answered him.
Wendt & Co. Commissioners of Utah Co. abt. Roads. Took matter up with Ed. Money thru Rotary Club.

Saturday 14.
Belling & I looking for truck.
Cap. Steinbrook sick. Ready to go out tomorrow.
Threshing at farm - Wheat.
Belling got turned down on Truck. They
[illegible]

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Sunday 15:
Wife Ellis returned from San Francisco on 7:40 P.M. train. She is feeling better.
Took Ruth back to farm for few days.
Mrs. Greenwood (Annie Pike) visited us.
Yesterday I picked our concords from two Vines and made grape jelly.
Picked one bunch of grapes 2#. a beautiful specimen. These vines are only two years old.

Monday 16:
Took Behling and Stambrook out to Well. Stambrook came in on Sept. 7th & remained.
Found friction at Camp - jealousie.
Instructed Behling to get matters straightened out.
Returned to Springville for night.

Tuesday 17
Arranged to buy Chev. Truck from Young Simpson at Sp. Fk for $550.00
[illegible]

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Started to drill water well at Diamond Abt. 3 PM on 15th. Hale drilled 53 ft. on his shift. Geo. had trouble and drilled 7 ft.
Conference with Atty. Senior regarding action of Washington on Gov. Permits.
Ordered Car coal.
At Uinta School fair in Yale Dist. Samuel took 1st prize on a 7# bunch of grapes - black Hamburg, we raised this year.

Wednesday 18:
Completed purchase of home 168 3rd St. for Wife Rose. $3000.00 Subject to $2300.00 loan. Took no money at present.
Discussing farm conditions with wife Mary.
Money matters extremely tight.
Buckwick returned from Diamond & reported completion of Water Well. 140 ft. Water stands abt. 20 ft.

Thursday 19:
At office on financial matters.
[illegible]

Granger. Wife Mary attended.

Friday 20:

Went to Diamond. Raining all the way nearly. Had hard time getting up the hill without chains. Found Belding had left for Salt Lake to get Engine to pump water from Well. Jet wouldnt work.

Car of Coal on switch.

Took Wife Ellis, Milton and Samuel to Orpheum, the first visit we have made since the Pantages became the Orpheum. Good program.

Saturday 21st.

Moving to 186 "I" St.

Also busy at office between times.

Bro Jos. R. Murdock told me today that in the nearly 30 years he had been associated with me, he had never seen a crooked financing deal from me. He regarded my honesty and integrity proved and felt honored in my association.

also complimenting Jas. C. Jensen, along similar lines.

His compliments mean more to me than a million Dollars would mean. He and I have had many business transactions together and he says I "am honest." I will surely continue to try and live up to that record.

Sunday 22:

Spent day at home on "I" St. Got straightened around in good shape. Finished reading History of Church Vol. 3. and my blood is all a fire over the outrages heaped upon the Saints by the agents of Satan, and to think how ignominiously we have laid down and surrendered to our enemies.

At noon met Lauren C. Woolley Dan R. Bateman, Jno. Y. Barlow and J. Leslie Broadbent in my office at noon, to get from Bros. Woolley & Bateman their statement for future generations, of Prest. Taylor experience in refusing to the revelation of 1886. It was a glorious occasion and gave me great comfort of mind and spirit. Adjourned to Friday 6 P.M.

Rained much of day and night.

Josephine's birthday 11. She is a sweet wonder. How good the Lord has been to me in giving be wonderful children. Joe is destined to make a mark in life and she will be known far and wide for her accomplishments.

Monday 23:

Hustling finances. Trying to meet Life Ins. premium $\$347^{00}$ finally fixed it up with a note and 75^{00} payment.

Started reading Vol 4. Church History.

Tuesday 24:

Behling got in for Truck. Having tires mounted. Rear tires $42 \times 9 =$ 14 Ply $\#152^{35}$ Front tires $36 \times 6 =$ 2nd grade 33^{10}

Got peaches, pears and plums for Wife Rose - putting up.

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Wednesday 25:

Got phone from Robinette's asking me to come to Virgin at once to confer with Francis. Concluded to go Wednesday.

Got applications off to Washington on Permits to Behling, Billings and Clawson. Had to run around and get corroborating Witnesses and signatures of Permittees.

Behling got off with truck. Repairs cost us 305^{00} and two tires abt. 190^{00}

Thursday 26:

Cleaned desk up and arranged for trip to Virgin tomorrow.

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Friday 27:

Left at 7 A.M. for Virgin with daughters Blanche & Lucile and also Tana (our Asst. Secy) giving the girls a holiday. Arrived at V. abt. 5 P.M. Luncheon at Beaver.

Had talk with Mr. Francis and Robinette abt. lease. Since F. has sold his interest to Mr. Sims, he requests me to hold off action until Sims can be communicated with.

Met him again in evening at Rockville, where I stopped for the night, renting a cabin for the girls and one for myself.

Saturday 28:

Talked with Francis about Virgin lease after which took the girls up Zion Park, returning to refinery at Virgin at noon, where I had further discussion with Francis about putting down a deep test.

Also took up with Shealy matter of drilling White Permit. Hole now down 450 ft. Needs cable, which Sims has promised to send.

of Amos Workman, where they picked figs, cherries, pomegranites, and nuts. They had a great time.

Then made St. George by 4 P.M. and had dinner with sister Blanche. Took suit case from Alice Pendleton to her mother. Tried to see Mr. Rose about possible contract on Refinery, but failed.

Left St. George 6:30 P.M. & made Cedar City for the night. Stopped at ~~[illegible]~~ Hotel El Escalante. Gave the girls a room with bath. They enjoyed it so much they bathed both night and next morning.

Sunday 9:

Ate at Hotel and left for Cedar Breaks about 8:30 A.M. A strong cold wind drove the kids in the car, yet they marvelled at the singular beauty of the scene. We went from there to Bryce Canyon, arriving about 2:30. Here we were filled with awe and wonderment. Language simply fails to describe our feelings as we gazed upon the wonders of that canyon. [illegible]

on the trail and all the time my soul was singing praises unto the Lord because of His matchless wonders. The garden of the Gods. One can feel the presence of the great Maker of all things while wrangling among the amazing figures in stone, shaped out by nature's processes. The more I see such things the greater is my reverence for the Lord Almighty, whose blessings are beyond the power of language to express, and as I took in the scenes today I was impressed with my own littleness. I felt as a small ant in the mountain side, and yet I remembered that God the great Architect and Builder had condescended to notice me and bless me and sanction my annointings and my administrations. He in His goodness has preserved my life; has given me choice wives and wonderful children. He has blessed me with homes and means with which to feed, clothe and educate my children. He has blessed me with [illegible] standing and a desire to serve Him. He has thwarted the efforts of the evil one to destroy me and has sanctioned my ordination ~~and~~ as Apostle of the Lord Jesus Christ and a Patriarch in the Church. He has planted in my heart a desire to be used by Him and a desire to see the Gospel in its fulness perpetuated and accepted by the Saints, and Now, O, Lord I pray in the earnestness of my soul to accept me and my thanksgiving, and help me to be worthy of so great blessings. I pray thee to use me as clay in the hands of the potter – thou being the Potter. Punish me when necessary, but never leave me alone; and cause that my punishments shall not be more severe than I can bear. Be patient with me in my weaknesses and remember, O, Lord, that I love thee and want to serve thee with an eye single to thy glory and the progress of thy people. If I could chose my calling in the fields of thy service, I would like to be an instrument in [illegible]

fort to the sick and distressed, the widow and fatherless and those who mourn, and bring straying souls unto thee. I wish I might be relieved of the commercial battle now engaging my time and efforts, and devote the rest of my life in the defence of truth and righteousness. Lord – God, Almighty, bless me, I pray thee. Bless my wives and Children. Those of them who are sick – either spiritually or physically, I pray thee to heal, and give me power among them to lead them and in due time, to bring them back unto thee clean and pure. Show me the way, dear Lord, and then help me to walk in it. In all things, thy will be done and not mine. Forgive my sins I beg of thee and give me strength wisdom and desire to enable me to overcome them. Bless me with the gift of faith and the spirit of humility, and clothe me with the robes of charity, and to thee I promise to ascribe all blessings and render all obedience forever. Amen.

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Leaving Bryces about 4 P.M. made Panguitch and took chicken dinner at 5:30, after which went 82 miles, to Richfield, Johnson Hotel, where we stopped.

The kids were so full of life and merriment, they couldn't settle down until I had gotten for them some soda water and ice after 10 P.M. They are sweet children. Tina, tho married, is just a child, sweet, considerate, beautiful, modest, sensible and I love her just like one of my own daughters. In fact people frequently take her to be my daughter. Blanche and Lucile are gems. Full of life, wit and sense. It has been a most enjoyable trip thus far. A much needed change for me and also a wonderful experience for the children.

Monday 30.

Made it home uneventful.
Completed about 875 Miles. No flats or other trouble. Girls had a

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Tuesday 1st.

At office. Sent Buskirk to Diamond with fire brick for boiler and forge.

Taking up with Morgan, Spaugh labors.

Working on finances.

Wednesday 2nd.

Buskirk reported hole down abt. 1025 ft. Having trouble with boiler. Will have to have patch put on.

A/c. sickness in Mrs. Belling's family in Idaho, sent Buskirk out at 11:30 to get Belling. He came in and took his wife up.

Buskirk and I took up with N. G. Morgan land matters re. Spaugh's. Got agreement off to Mr. Morgan's friend.

Beautiful weather.

Thursday 3:

Got out letter to stockholders.

Buskirk brot Belling in last night and went back this a.m. He reported hole 1042 ft. Patching

Taking steps to sell truck trailer with tank.

Trying to meet pay roll for last month on 5th. It's a great job — provided one doesn't weaken.

Tried to collect some money from E.R. Woolley, he is owing me, but he in turn tried to borrow more. — I give up. He is impossible. His promises are as dew bef the sun. The Lord only can handle him.

Friday 4:

Conference. Attended 1st session. Elder Ray L. Pratt testified the Church is being guided by Revelation and Inspiration today as much as it ever was! An admission that there has never been such revelation or inspiration in the Church.

Much good advice was given. The fullness of the Gospel was not touched upon.

Working on sale of trailer and tank, to meet pay roll.

Geo. Steinbrook came in for money. Fixed him up.

Saturday 5:

Trying to sell trailer and tank to Simis of R. L. Transportation Co. to meet pay roll. Answer on Tuesday.

Sunday 6:

Attended conference in Tabernacle in A.M. with wife Ellen, Samuel and Lucile. Stood up during most of services.

At noon met Bros. Woolley, Bateman, Baker and Broadbent at office, where we went over statement previously made regarding Pres. John Taylor, and the giving of the Revelation of 1886, Sept. 27.

Monday 7:

Meeting stockholders.

Belling went to work with pay roll.

Spaugh in twice on Wyo. Lands. Claims section we have applied for in Lance Creek worth $10,000,000.00. As good as Sec. 36 in Salt Creek.

Got out notice of intention

Virgin's property.

Perfect sunshine weather during conference until last night. Some rain. Very pleasant today.

Tuesday 8:

Rained hard all day.

Spaugh down from Ogden on money matters.

Got information on Expenses of D. O. Co. for Engineering work on Diamond structure, to submit to the Govt. in petition for extension of time.

Also going over statement of Loren C. Woolley on experience with Pres. Jno. Taylor.

Wednesday 9:

Had long talk with Loren C. Woolley about affairs in the early under-ground days, and his part in them.

Buskirk getting out Map of Wyo. lands - Lance Creek and I working on finances.

Steinbrook reported hole nearly 1100 ft. and All O.K.

Station enroute to Denver to see her invalid husband who, I don't think, can live long. A T.B. patient result of the War.

Took Wife May and children & let them attend a show while busy at my affairs.

Thursday 10:

Went to Well - Diamond - with Spaugh, Buskirk and Sewell, Company's Car.

Spaugh gave very careful reading but seemed somewhat baffled on account of Water - so much of it - in the hole. However he got a lime near 1260 and one near 1285, either of which might be used in shutting water off. He felt sanguine we would get oil bet. 1260 and 1400 ft.

Depth 1127 ft. according to Spaugh and 1131 reported.

Friday 11:

Got Bebling off for well with gas, oil and other supplies.

Signed affidavit prepared by Senior

Met Jones and Buskirk and I explained Diamond Oil properties with a view to having him invest.

Saturday 12:

Conference with Spaugh.

Got lease to sign from Wyoming land board covering 36-35-66.

Spaugh says is worth $10,000,000.00

Sent off application in Buskirk name for 36-36-66.

Received $350.00 thru N. E. Morgan from Reddick of Omaha to assist in procuring land at Lance Creek.

Got off payment to Simpson on Auto Truck (Chev).

Sold trailer 300.00 to S. L. Transfer Co. they to deliver tank and rack to Diamond free.

Did 1/2 days work at 1764 Yale, cleaning up.

Sunday 13.

My day.

Picked about bushel of grapes from our vines. Took them to mother, Dr. Ulch, Fern and 7th St. home.

Took mother to farm. Got Ruth and took her home. She is greatly

job, under the Lord, with him.

Reading on 4th Vol. Church History.

Monday 14:

Last night I dreamed:

Prest. Grant desired me to open up set of books for a Company he seemed to be President of. He had four or five entries he wanted to give me. I volunteered to take the information and work it in later.

The first item furnished was an expenditure of $3500.00. He explained it thus: A man had come representing he knew a place where gold could be dug up from the sand in pieces as large as $10.00 gold pieces. A lease could be got on the land for 3500.00 cash. He said the young man, referring evidently to the Wyo. under himself, went out, and this man began digging in the sand and pieces of gold as large as 10.00 gold pieces were discovered. They dug in a few moments about 3000.00 in value, when the man said, now you know this is, [illegible] You must go and pay the "lady" the $3500.00 then come back and dig as much as you want. He did as told, but upon his return, the man had left, taking all the gold with him and there was no more to be discovered. Thus the $3500.00 was lost. I was expected to make the entry in the books so arranged that the full truth of the transaction should be shrouded. Pres. Grant seemed somewhat embarrassed as he related the experience. While I was engaged in planning the entry, I awoke.

I again slept and dreamt my son Samuel and his mother and I were together and an animal appeared, having a stripe down its back. It was much like a cat. Sam wanted to catch it. I warned him against it. He insisted and persisted, and I continued to remonstrate with him and caution him. He went for the animal (skunk) caught it, then came back sheepishly and wanted

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he had changed his clothing, realizing that should he touch me in that condition, my clothing would be ruined. It seemed I was trying to teach him a lesson in obedience.

Samuel is a most lovable son. He glories in doing things for his parents. He is a wonderful worker; a great saver and accumulator of money, but he has a most determined will to do the thing he wants to do and at the moment he wants to do it. He will make a most terrific force either for good or evil, and my prediction is that it will be for good, for his heart is right. He will be a mighty warrior in the service of Christ. Nothing will daunt him. He will stop for nothing short of success. Thus far he has been a joy to me indescribable.

Monday 14:

Long conference with Spaugh. Working on geological report.

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This is very encouraging, as it verifies the Spaugh readings on his last trip out there.

Took up Virgin matter with Rhinesmith a driller and production man, who wants to go down and look over the field.

Wife Ellis quite sick. She must stay at home and rest up.

Tuesday 15:

Had Marshall and Brown down from Evanston on Emery's Oil business. Paid them 750.00 on ope. Permit and got petitions for permission to drill off to Washington.

Spaugh in for tires for car.

Buskirk sent out to Diamond.

While talking to Bro. Murdock in his office, Apostle Richard R. Lyman came in and greeted me cordially. Murdock said; "Bro. Joseph is one of the boys I raised." Bro. Lyman responded; "Well you certainly made a good job of it." So much for that.

Ruth quite sick again.

Wife Ellis unwell.

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Wednesday 16:

Started to run 10" casing in Diamond Fork Well at 1221 ft. in lime. In lime about 10 ft. Oil still showing up. Buskirk at well. Came in at night.

Rained in morning in S. Lake.

Advised Wife Ellis to take three months rest. Borrow $1000.00 go to San Francisco & visit Joe and to Washington and visit Ellis and play golf, swim, visit &c but forget business, for her health. She has earned a long rest.

Thursday 17:

Got out paper reports and Add. on Diamond.

Buskirk reported on Well, all O.K. Some excitement over latest strike of oil.

Got Eddling's Acct. $2060.00 which relieves the financial situation temporarily.

Finished reading Vol. 4 Church His. A very interesting volume.

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Friday 18:
Running casing at the well.
Got wife Ellis off for New York to attend Convention of Travel Ins. people, and really to regain her health thru rest cure and new contacts. Will visit Washington & Ellis Jr.
Beautiful mild weather.

Saturday 19:
Tana's Birthday (Montana Billings Richards, our Stenographer) 21 years. She has been with us nearly 4 years. She is a wonder for cheerfulness and sunshine. The entire family of stockholders are wrapt up in her. She is destined to accomplish great things in this world, and her heritage will be the Celestial Glory in the Eternity. In small things she has been faithful, and she will go on to perfection. Every body loves Tana.
Buchkirk went to well and took Mrs. Kimball to Cook for Camp during Vacation of Mrs. Stewart. He brings her back.

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Sunday 20:
Spent day with Childress.
Warm and balmy.

Monday 21:
Last night in a dream I learnt of Mrs. Richards (our beloved Tana) pregnant condition concerning which I had felt some delicacy in broaching, and yet I should know. When I told Tana of the dream, singularly enough she had dreamed the same night of informing me of her condition. The sweet old kid. I am tickled all over to know she is well on her way to righteous and splendid mother-hood. She must be treated with best of consideration from now on. She is a rare jewel.
Delinquent sale of stock. But few shares sold on account of excitement in anticipation of early results.
Sent Buchkirk to Well to watch it closely and release Bellevue whose Brother-in-Law in Idaho died; he & his wife to attend the

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Tuesday 22:

Behling in to go to Idaho with his wife. Well down 1250 ft. no water shut-off yet.

Got final drilling contract from State of Wyoming on Sec. 36- Lance Creek, which Spaugh declares is worth $10,000,000.00 and as good as the famous Section (36) in Salt Creek.

Beautiful weather. Somewhat cooler in evening.

Wednesday 23:

Clawson film Co. caught fire under Deseret News Bldg. Cor. Main & So. Temple, our friend Shirly loosing his life and "Chet" Clawson being badly burnt. Loss 15,000.00 no Insurance. Many valuable films were destroyed, embracing probably all the Church films.

Boys at well made another effort at shutting off water. Line on the "blink". Ordered 2000 ft. 7/8 C.C. L.L. drilling line from Great Northern Tool Co. Kemmerer and sent

via Chev. Truck. Leaving here about 7 P.M. Will travel all night.

Geo. Steinbrook came in on way to Blackfoot to see Mrs. Stewart our Cook. He cant seem to leave her alone a week.

Beautiful day. Night colder.

Thursday 24:

Behling left for Camp about 2 P.M. Buckirk came thru with Truck and drilling line from Kemmerer, in evening enroute for Camp.

Working on finances.

Started Shewell on set new stock books.

Friday 25.

Took up with Blakewell and later with Pat. Holohan, the Fenton refining process for Virgin.

Got very encouraging wire from Spaugh - Los Angeles. He is apparently lining up big Capital.

Attended show - "Tommy", Neil Cecil Ward, in which son Guy was the

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Saturday 26:

Buskirk reports parted casing at Well. In trying to raise it to try another water shut off, it parted. Getting a special mall and female nipple made. Sent Griffith and Buskirk to Provo Machine & Foundry Co. to make nipple.

Took Sam to see the Virginian at Paramount.

Steinbrook came in yesterday.

Sunday 27:

Spent day at home reading for most part Church History. Took Grandma Shipp, Nellie and her kiddies for a ride in evening.

Quite a heavy snow storm. First of season.

Monday 28:

Stormy all day. Quite cold.

Got Grandma Shipp shoes, Lorna and Sam boots.

Had long talk with H. T. Steinbrook about conditions at Well. He had eight teeth pulled. Not satisfied with the way the boys are working.

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Tuesday 29:

Brother-in-Law, Wm H. Hill, fell dead at home of my wife Mary this A.M. about 10 o'clock. He had been erratic on religion for some years, claiming he would never die - sort of translated. His theory proved faulty.

Buskirk got in from well this evening. Got casing connected together O.K.

Wednesday 30:

Went to Provo with Jos. R. Murdock to raise some expense money on the Wyo. syndicate with Spaugh. Made no definite headway. Murdock himself is very much enthused.

Got back and took matter up with J. Will Knight in Salt Lake without success.

Belling came in for lime and some pump supplies, preparatory to pumping mud in the hole to make shut off.

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Thursday 31:

Funeral of Wm. N. Hill. He was preached into the 3rd Heaven, just as tho all the preaching in the world would either help or hinder him.

Working on finances. Tough job.

Had very confidential talk with my friend Tanna regarding the coming ascent of motherhood and office work. She is a wonder.

Friday November 1:

Went to Welby with Behanel and Rynesmith & Burkirk to see the Fenton refining with a view to placing it at Virgin.

P.M. Working on finances.

Saturday 2:

Fighting trouble all morning. Took Sam, Lucile and Mother to Empress to see "Welcome Danger" – Harold Lloyd.

Sunday 3:

Visited with mother in A.M. and testified to sister-in-law, Elise, that this nation would be broken

unrighteous doings, and its failure to dispense justice to the people. It will crumble like Rome did. It has not yet paid the penalty of killing the Prophets.

Met Behling, driller Hale and Burkirk and Steinbrook in office 3 P.M.; discussed need of mud hog pump to force mud in the hole and shut water off. Sent Behling & Hale to Wyoming to get one while I make arrangements for one if possible thru Denver.

Monday 4:

Tanna slightly ill. Had her remain home.

Feeling rocky myself, but made it thru the day.

Behling & Hale in Wyoming after Mud Hog pump. Report they had found one.

Got out distress letter to stockholders. Also letters to those owing assessments.

Went home early to nurse myself.

Tuesday 5:

Still unwell. Got 100 F. off to Spaugh. Letters off to stockholders. Spent P.M. at home resting.

Voted for I.O. Smoot, Lake and Nichols on City ticket. Finch, Lake and Nichols elected. All good men I believe.

This A.M. the 5th son - a fine young ~~Wednesday~~ fellow, was born to my daughter Mary Wright. A beautiful mother with high ideals and headed for a celestial crown of glory. I understand she was advised to cease having children for a while, and medicine was provided for the hellish purpose, which she ignored and in doing so, I promise her in the name of the Lord, that she will be exalted with a good man, in the Celestial Glory of God, while many of her married girl friends will be without issue and exaltation, acting as Ministering Angels to her and her exalted race. I prophecy too, that she will have daughters to comfort her in her old

Wednesday 6:

Somewhat indisposed.

Wife Ellis returned home from East - New York and Washington. She is apparently much improved in health and is happy, and we are more than happy to have her home. If we can just keep her from overworking, it will be a great blessing. She is a wonder. Spent most of day at home.

Thursday 7:

Somewhat improved in health.

Belling got in 11 P.M. last night with Mud Hog pump on Chir. Truck. Pump weighs about 5000 #. Had hard trip, but got thru O.K. as usual. Left about noon for Diamond.

Dear little Tana experienced a sudden sinking spell while typewriting. After administering first aid, I took her [illegible] home for the afternoon. She's a little brick. Doesn't know when to stop.

Yesterday Buckish and Ryasmith

there. Started to storm in evening with considerable snow on the mountains.

Friday 8:

Feeling better.

Took Wife Ellis for Massage treatment & wife Mary & children to Harold Lloyd - Welcome Danger.

Working on finance.

Helping to organize Utah Dynamic Radio Co.

Saturday 9:

Busy at office in A.M.

Meeting with Utah Dynamic Radio Co. going over Articles of Inc. Changed directorate from 5 to 7.

Took Wife Ellis - Sam & Lucile to see "Wild Pigeon" at Play House, Jos. J. Cannon, play-wright. Very nice little Spanish play.

After play took them to U. P. tracks to see the 66 ton whale on exhibition. First whale I have seen. It has been embalmed.

Sunday 10:

Took wife Ellis walking for her health 9 A.M. Up at six.

Took daughters Bertha and Gertrude and Alice for ride in cemetary, and Big Cottonwood Canyon and to see the whale in P.M. Got Mother and we all ate at wife Rose's after which we attended missionary farewell of daughter Bertha at 17th Ward Chappel.

She is a wonderful girl. One of the choicest of God's Children. Naturally spiritually minded. Naturally modest, sweet, gentle mild and terribly determined. When the human skunk attempted an assault upon her a few weeks ago, she defended her virtue with her life and yet she is frail. God and her purity of life prevailed. She is amply fitted as a missionary to spread the Gospel of Peace and Truth. I feel so honored in having her accept the mission. God bless her for ever and ever. And He will.

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Monday 11:
Armistice day. The world dreams of peace. Peace will come, but wickedness must first go. The wicked will slay the wicked. The world must repent and accept Jesus Christ before the dream of Peace can be realized. But present movements are tending to that end. The more men dream of peace, the more desirable the boon becomes in their hearts, and the harder they will work for it. When peace finally comes, there will not be many left in the world to enjoy its fruits, for the wicked, - those who love and make a lie, the blasphemers, murderers, adulterers, thieves &c. will have been destroyed. Then Peace shall shine forth from the mountain tops and shall gladden the valleys, and men's hearts shall rejoice and righteousness will reign supreme.

In office in A.M. Sent Burbick and Shewell to Well. In P.M. went out in country after apples.

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Tuesday 12:

Attended Bd. meeting of proposed Utah Dynamic Radio Corpn. and signed articles with other members of the Board.

Geo. Steinbeck in from well. Going back tonight. He bot some stock.

Spent evening with daughter Bertha and family on "I" Street.

Wednesday 13:

Spent day at office and evening with daughter Bertha and the family.

Thursday 14:

Got dear, sweet Bertha off on 12:40 P.M. train for Spokane, Wash. on Mission. A red letter day in my life. I am proud to have a representative in the field preaching the Gospel.

Working on the finances.

Friday 15:

Attended Founders Day - 43rd [illegible]

a guest by reason of being a first day student. Took Tona with me at the luncheon.

Working on Fenton Refining proposition with Murdock. He favors program I have outlined.

Bobbing in for gas, oil &c. and out again.

Saturday 16:

Raymond Lewis, husband to my sister Blanche died in Denver (Federal) hospital on Thursday. He is being brot. to Salt Lake. Died result of lung trouble in late War. He was a good husband and father - was courageous and honest.

Got out letter to stockholders.

Took wife Ellis & kids to see Hollywood Review at Empress.

Sunday 17:

Met Sister Blanche from Denver on 7.45 AM train with the corpse of her husband. She stood up well. Her wonderful poise and nerve.

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Buskirk and Alwell out at well. Report water shut off, at least looks like one.

Monday 18:

Got out special letter to stockholders asking for funds.

Attended and conducted burial rites of Raymond Shepherd Lewis. Buried at Wasatch Lawn Cemetery. No funeral services were held. At grave "taps" were sounded and a military salute of three shots from 1/2 Doz. guns given. I offered the Dedicatory prayer.

Blanche stood up fine under the ordeal.

Read Church History in evening.

Expressed Jo Stephens box of "Delicious" apples. 5^{32} for apples and Exp. Mills College, Cal.

Tuesday 19:

At office during day.

Bebling reports water shut-off to the shoe of 10" casing, but some coming in below that point. Instructed him to continue drilling.

Wednesday 20.

Dynamic Radio Company Forms

Trib. 11-20-29

Articles of incorporation for the Utah Dynamic Radio corporation were filed Tuesday with the county clerk. The concern plans to manufacture diversified articles including electrical, chemical, scientific and mechanical products. Capitalization is for $125,000, representing 500,000 shares of subscribed stock with a par value of 25 cents a share.

Officers are W. E. Baird, president; J. W. Musser, vice president; Leslie H. Saville, secretary-treasurer, and Professor W. D. Hokpie, general manager. Other incorporators are: Lorin C. Wooley, Centerville; Mrs. M. A. Nelson, Professor W. D. Hopple, Inc., and the Baird company, a Utah corporation. The principal place of business will be in Salt Lake.

Got up agreement, transferring our refining plant to a Company to be organized to handle the Fenton Process.

Got Buskirk and driller Hale off for well.

Working on finances.

Thursday 21:

Taking up refinery negotiations with Behnell. Writing contract over.

Bot bailer 9 3/8" x 32 from Tower Petroleum Co. $\$100^{00}$ Cash & had Bebling come in for it. Got in late.

Took Wife Mary and children to entertainment at Mill Creek Ward. A very noisy affair, but success financially, which, these days, appears to be most important.

Very Cold.

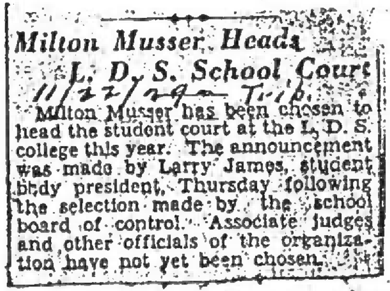
Friday 22:

Had long talk with Bebling abt. Well. He loaded boiler and took same out.

Got out Special letter to stockholders.

Took Ruth to dentist & home again.

Got refinery contract executed and delivered.



Milton Musser Heads L. D. S. School Court

11/22/29 – Trib.

Milton Musser has been chosen to head the student court at the L. D. S. college this year. The announcement was made by Larry James, student body president, Thursday following the selection made by the school board of control. Associate judges and other officials of the organization have not yet been chosen.

Advanced Rhynesmith 50.00 to help get his wife here from Vernal.

Saturday 23.

Mailed letter to stockholders.

Got out abt. 20 Telegrams for money – also wired for prices on 8¼" Casing.

Took Wife Ellis, Lucile & Samuel to Capitol – Saw Bancroft in the "Mighty."

Sunday 24:

Took Steinbrook (Cap) to Well.

Buckirk took Nash Car out.

Consultation there. Well 1340 ft. Full of Water. New water sand below present shoe.

Decided run 8¼" casing, which means another drive for money.

Brot. Buckirk home.

Monday 25:

Scouring the country for casing. Found 7100 ft. 32# used at Rawlins.

Tuesday 26:

After a lot of wiring and phoning, finally made deal with

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Rawlins, Wyo. for 7100 feet #32 lb. used @ 11¢ per foot. 800.00 Cash & Bal. on Company's note - 90 days.

This morning I prayed to the Lord to open up the way to get the needed casing, as this material is Cash and we have no credit. The Lord did open up the way in a wonderful way, for which I am very thankful. Now to get the money for freight &c.

Just a sample of the day demands by my loved ones.

9 A.M. Tama had fainting spell at Dentists. I rushed down and took her home for a few hours rest. Went to Yale for wife Ellis. Took her to the eye doctor and optical parlor & home. At 3 P.M. Took Ruth to her dentist & back home. At 8 P.M. took Gertrude & Alice on an errand. Then I am sometimes chided for not accomplishing more in a business way. Perhaps some day the eyes of my family will

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In mean time, I am grateful to the Lord for strength and opportunity to "Carry on," and make the kiddies happy. I hope the Lord will let me go on and meet every reasonable demand. Let men have their golf - horses - yachts - Europe - British Columbia - Autos & I will take my family and rejoice in the grand and glorious blessings they bring to me.

Wednesday 27:

Got off 800.00 and note on Casing.

Sent Buskirk to Well to shut same down until Casing arrives.

Codling came in from New York.

Helped Guy buy a 1926 used Chev. Car. 475.00

Dictated number of letters.

Beautiful weather

Thursday 28:

Beautiful day for Thanksgiving.

Ate turkey with each - Wife Ellis,

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Care and diplomacy to perform the stunt and be alive and well for tomorrow.

Finished reading Vol. 6 of Church History, completing the murdering of Joseph and Hyrum. More than ever in my life bef do I honor the memory of these great men, and do I know the Gospel as restored thru their agency is true. And more than ever am I satisfied that the calamities of death and destruction will come upon this wicked generation. Joseph had to die in order to seal his testimony. The Gospel of Patriarchal Marriage - of consecration - of gathering - of Temple Work was too strong for the world. They could not stand such effulgent light, and they did as the Jews had done 2000 years bef, murdered the Agent of the Lord who had come to bless them. God have pity on their souls; but hasten the day when righteousness shall reign in the earth. Use me, O, Lord, as an instrument to help in the great work of earth redemption.

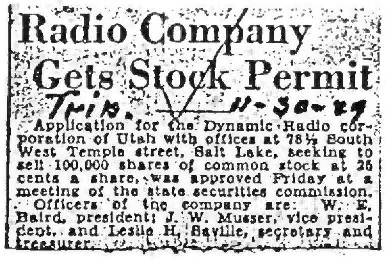
The boys all ~~sent~~ came in from the well, awaiting casing, coal &c.

Friday 29:

Working on finances.

Belling in checking up on casing &c.

Saturday 30:



Radio Company Gets Stock Permit

Trib. 11-30-29

Application for the Dynamic Radio corporation of Utah with offices at 78½ South West Temple street, Salt Lake, seeking to sell 100,000 shares of common stock at 25 cents a share, was approved Friday at a meeting of the state securities commission.

Officers of the company are: W. E. Baird, president; J. W. Musser, vice president, and Leslie H. Saville, secretary and treasurer.

Had long talk with Wm Codling on Church Matters generally and particularly on Plural Marriage.

Took kids to "Taming of Shrew" - Doug Fairbanks & wife.

Sunday 1: December 1929

Spent day at home - Visited Mother.

Heard Harry Lauder on Radio. Also Apostle Whitney.

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Monday 2:

Coring arrived at Spanish Fork. Got Behling off to start hauling same. Also got Cook down to Diamond. Had conferences with Cap. & Gus Steinbrook, & Johnson.

Beautiful weather

Am having most difficult time of our experience, to get cash to "Carry on" with.

Tania, seeing the situation, very sweetly re-iterated her loyalty and willingness to sacrifice and help in every way possible. She's a wonder.

Tuesday 3:

Very busy at office.

Took Ruth to dentist 12 noon.

Attended Board meeting of Radio Co 1:30. Made member of Executive Committee.

The financial situation most exasperating.

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Wednesday 4:

Squirming in every direction to meet financial demand. It is sure an interesting game. Behling hauling coring.

Getting off letters to Ensign stockholders on Acct. #3.

Beautiful weather.

Thursday 5:

Ruth got her bran-new teeth. They look wonderful.

Working on finances.

"End Men" and "Gleaner" girls of Mill Creek held party at home — Guy and Blanche entertaining.

Friday 6:

Took Burkirk to Sp. Fork after Packard Car; also to check up on coring. Behling had just left with a load.

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Blanche 31 yrs. The same sweet kid. She is the Manager of the affairs at the Farm. She makes

L. D. S. C. Student Court Starts Session

News 12-6-29

Prosecution of violators of the rules and regulations of the L. D. S. college began Thursday by the student body court, of which Milton Musser is chief judge.

The first session of the court will be held Thursday afternoon, December 12.

Learnt that son-in-law, Ezra has been employed by Supreme Justice Sutherland as a private Secretary at 300.00 per month, a substantial recognition of his ability. The 3 Ellises are elated, which is but natural.

Saturday 7:

At red hot heat meeting financial situation. Dont know which way to turn. Salt Lake Hardware made definite demand for Bal. due them by 10 A.M. Monday.

Arranged for Burkirk to take men down to Well tomorrow.

Sunday 8:

Cloudy. Rained during night.

Spent day with children.

Burkirk took men to well - Cap. Johnson, Hale.

Monday 9:

Got loan from Codling to bridge matters over temporarily (500.00)

Woolley promised 1500.00.

Having tuff time meeting demands.

Day warm & sultry

Tuesday 10:

Suddenly taken with Lumbago.

Crawling around. Took treatment from Dr. Clayton - Ostopath and sweat bath and massange from Dr. Gardner.

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Wednesday 11:

Crawling around with Lumbago. Trying to get money and meet Creditors. In great pain, but full of hope.

Behling reported receiving Packer and will start to run coring at once.

Had long talk with Bro. Murdock. He endorses my actions and pledges his support.

Weather balmy and like spring.

Thursday 12:

Lumbago still troublesome, but some better.

Working on finances. In bad shape.

Weather perfect spring.

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Friday 13:
Buskirk went to Diamond.
Water shut-off effected. Drilled into another water sand with six inch bit. Same gas. Not much. Drilling down.

13 years ago today which was also Dec. Friday 13th the Company was organized with 13 signatures to the Articles. What an effort we have put forth since then! It has been almost super-human. God knows where we will land and what the future has in store for us, but whatever happens, we feel we have conscientiously done our best. The struggle cannot be without purpose. Certainly the Lord is directing and results will come

Saturday 14:
Feeling better. At office.

Saturday 21st
Took backset of Lumbago on Sunday and confined to the house until today. At office a few

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stubborn case, more so than on any previous occasions. But it shows how uncertain is health and life. I felt so well it didnt seem possible to get sick and yet in an instant I was on my back. But the Lord has been good to me and I am greatly improved.

During my incarceration at home the finances have been in bad shape. Got 500= from the Bank which I sent to the boys at the well. Havn't a Dollar for Xmas myself. Am trying to get it. But why feel discouraged. I have health (pretty good) life. Beautiful children and wonderful wife; friends and an opportunity to make good, with everything in my favor. God be thanked. I am grateful and want to serve the Lord better than ever before.

Sam's birthday on 15th Millie on 18th Gertrude on 19th My condition didnt help out much.

Josephine got home 19th from Mills. She is well and sweet.

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Had nice snow fall - first since early in Oct. or Nov. on 18th (night) for which people generally are grateful.

Thursday 26:

Back to office after very strenuous time with my back at home. Still giving me trouble.

Drilling suspended during ~~drilling~~ Xmas. Bebling leaving to start work today.

Gahagan in from Virginia. Taking up matters with he and Burchick there.

Had a very pleasant Xmas. Santa was good to me and mine. Anna & Josephine home from California. A very peaceful spirit prevailed. No snow. Warm day.

Still working on finances. Situation quite discouraging. But we will not give up.

Drinking fountains on Main St. running

Here is the poem, father. It was written in about 1923, I think. Read it to yourself before you think of showing it to anyone, because it's just about you, for you. Merry Christmas.

My FATHER (Xmas-1929)

Tall as Mormon, and as fine,
Stands my father, mighty man.
He hauls stars that burn and shine,
Blocks ~~roads~~ roads with his caravan,

Drags the loads of other men,
Overrides their fears and bars.
Some revere and honor him.
Some would nail him to his stars.

Such a high white brow he has,
Eyes deep under, dark, divine, —
Haggard often, yet he is
Tall like Mormon, straight and fine.

Anna

Written after a stockholders meeting of Diamond Art Co. at which some bad feelings were displayed by some of the stockholders and the Mgr. J.H.M. took them to task.

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Friday 27:
Working on finances. Back still bad, but improving.

Saturday 28
Beautiful day.
Wife Ellie not so well.
Behling reports no coal after middle of coming week. Don't know how we will get more without money.

Sunday 29:
Visited Mother. Had conference and prayer with Jno. T. Clark. Visited Jno. Y. Barlow who is sick; then Lorin C. Woolley and blessed him. Spent evening with folks on "I" St., taking Ruth out for a ride. Slept in Hotel Roberts as beds at "I" St. were all taken.
Beautiful day; like Spring.

Monday 30:
After much prayer and thot I succeeded in getting a car of coal from the Utah Fuel Co. while we are owing for last two.

Utah Oil Ref. Co. for right to purchase our oil in Diamond.
I feel to acknowledge the hand of the Lord in these matters. It begins to look like we will be able to finish this well yet.
Arranged for Behling to go to Greenriver and look over tools there of U. O. Ref. Co.
Boys report intention to set 8 1/4 casing at 1475 to shut water off.

Tuesday 31:
Cleaning up desk. Fighting for money.
Went over contract with Utah Oil & Ref Co. Not satisfactory. Held in abeyance.
Held directors meeting and levied Asst. #75 – 1¢ per share.

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Wednesday 1st
Spent day at Yale and on Farm quietly trying to get better.
Beautiful weather. No snow. No